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Turkish trip no delight

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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A CITY holidaymaker is suing a tour operator after his trip to Turkey was ruined by food poisoning.

Michael Moore, 38, is one of 659 people issuing a writ against First Choice Holidays after a fortnight in Sarigerme in September 2008.

The second half of his stay at the 'beautiful' Holiday Village turned to horror when he was unable to leave his room.

Mr Moore, who works in building maintenance, said: "People were being sick and pooing in the swimming pools. I had a severe bug where I was constantly on the toilet for the week.

"While we were there there were other guests complaining.

First Choice said that it must have been airborne, someone brought it in from the UK. Couples had to cancel their weddings. Children were sick all over the floors in the restaurants. It was quite serious."

Mr Moore was there with his fiance Nina and step daughter Eva Rose, then aged five.

He said their holiday was also ruined, and they didn't get refunds for the excursions they had booked.

The writ, issued at London's High Court, claims staff at the hotel left the buffet salad bar uncovered, allowing flies to land on it, reused disposable cups, mixed fresh food with food which had been standing some time and handled meat without washing their hands.

The writ says many of them developed gastro-enteritis, including salmonella, c difficile, and other infections and claims this was the result of them being given uncooked chicken and undercooked turkey, and being allowed to swim in pools contaminated with human faeces.

Staff are accused of serving food lukewarm, failing to refrigerate or freeze food, failing to keep the water supply reasonable safe, failing to store food at the correct temperature, and refilling water dispenser bottles from half empty bottles left by guests.

Mr Moore added: "We used to go on holiday quite often, more than once a year. But I haven't been on holiday since. The hotel was beautiful and the surroundings but as soon as we went in the restaurant they were covering food up, everyone was getting their hands sprayed before they went into the restaurant."

The holidaymakers accuse First Choice of failing to inspect hygiene standards at the hotel, and of exposing them to easily avoided risk of illness.

The company is also said to have failed to tell guests leaving after April 2008 of an outbreak of gastric illness, and to give them the chance of cancelling their holiday for a refund.

The holidaymakers had stayed at the hotel between April and October 2008 and the writ says many fell ill with gastro enteritis, vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach cramps.

Many were routinely treated by the hotel's medical staff with antibiotics, which is not usually used for viral infection, but the holiday village's manager Nikki Parri wrote to some in September 2008 saying the sickness was caused by a virus similar to the UK winter vomiting bug, the writ states.

His claim follows a writ last month suing First Choice Holidays for an estimated £3 million on behalf of 400 holiday makers who say they suffered stomach upsets in the Dominican Republic.

Paul McClorry, a partner and specialist in travel law at Mr Moore's solicitors, Pannone, said: "These people had their holidays ruined... we hope to reach an amicable settlement with First Choice, but to date this has not been possible."

A First Choice spokesman said they have significantly increased their checks after the issue was reported.

"The property is one of the biggest and most popular resorts in our programme, with nearly 48,000 customers visiting each year. Whilst we accept that any level of sickness is unacceptable, the numbers of holidaymakers falling sick remains very low when the larger population is taken into consideration."

Bugged: Michael Moore and Nina Carter with daughter Eva Rose

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MKNEWS ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Give 'em finger-lickin' good school dinners

Square roundabouts: Official Monster Raving Loony Party candidate Matt Fensome also wants equal home rights for ducks

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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EQUAL housing rights for ducks, making Milton Keynes an independent country, changing roundabouts to squares and KFC supplying school dinners.

Those are the policies from the city's Official Monster Raving Loony Party candidate and MK College student, Matt Fensome.

MattBanana, as he is known, launched his campaign during a walkabout from the station to thecentre:mk and Xscape yesterday alongside fellow loony members.

The 21-year-old former Sir Frank Markham student is paying the £500 deposit himself, though bookies William Hill will sponsor him if he gets more than 100 votes.

He was inspired by the Facebook campaign to get Rage Against the Machine to beat the X Factor winner to number one in the charts. "We thought wouldn't it be great if we could do something similar, get more votes than a Green Party candidate for example," he said.

He got in touch with the party's leader, Howling 'Laud' Hope, who suggested he stand as a candidate.

"I would like to get even one vote. That is my aim. But the dream estimate is 100 or 200. I'm not happy with what any of the mainstream parties stand for. It seems the same as each other. A lot of people are quite wound up with parties and the role of parties like my own is to have a protest vote - that is an important part of a democracy. People can vote for something else because there isn't a 'none of the above' box. That's why I'm serious about standing but am not a serious candidate."

Candidates join the great debate

POTENTIAL politicians are going head to head today in a special MK NEWS debate.

The candidates for Milton Keynes North and Milton Keynes South from the five major parties will face each other on issues from immigration to education, health, crime and even politics itself.

The chairman, editor David Gale, will put the questions to the Conservatives, Labour, Lib Dems, Greens and UKIP.

For the full story on the debate see next Wednesday's MK NEWS and go online to www.mk-news.co.uk to watch video clips of the debate.

Candidates announced for Milton Keynes North so far are:

Mark Lancaster (Conservative), Andrew Pakes (Labour), Jill Hope (Lib Dem), Alan Francis (Green), Michael Phillips (UKIP) and Dick Hamilton (BNP).

And for Milton Keynes South s far: Phyllis Starkey (Labour), Iain Stewart (Conservative), Peter Jones (Lib Dem), Katrina Deacon (Green), Philip Pinto (UKIP), Matthew Tait (BNP), Suzanne N'ti (Christian People's Alliance), Matt Fensome (Official Monster Raving Loony) and Jonathan Worth (Nationwide Reform).

Nominations for candidates close on April 20.

Labour leaflet defaced

THE Royal Mail is investigating how a leaflet for a Labour MP came to be delivered to a supporter covered in racist abuse.

Mother of four Sara McDonald had all her mail redirected from Coffee Hall to Northampton when she moved last month.

But one fold-out letter from Dr Phyllis Starkey, including the candidate's five pledges to the electorate, was annotated in handwriting with slurs against immigrants and foreigners.

Dr Starkey said it is 'outrageous' that mail is being defaced in this way.

Mrs McDonald, a lifelong Labour supporter, said she was 'offended' by the abuse, and contacted the party to see who could have intercepted it.

The 51-year-old mother of four said: "I got it through and saw it had a redirection sticker on it. I started to read Phyllis Starkey's five pledges. Then I saw it had racist comments after each one.

"I wondered straight away how this had happened. Someone must have got hold of it. The Post Office were very dismissive when I contacted them. They said 'it could be anybody'.

"My daughter studies law at university and has looked this up - the Post Office is responsible for getting mail to us in a reasonable condition. It makes you wonder what other election material this is happening to."

Dr Starkey said: "It's outrageous if the post office are allowing post to be defaced, it's entirely irrelevant whether it's my leaflet. It's an outrageous thing to happen."

A spokesman for the Royal Mail said they have a legal obligation, under the Representation of People Act, to deliver election material, as long as that material is legal. Royal Mail vets candidates artwork against guidelines that state the literature must not be indecent, obscene or offensive.

However, this customer complaint is related to handwritten comments on an item of election mail, and it is unclear at what stage after the checking of artwork the item has been defaced.

Enviroment secretary Hilary Benn with Andrew Pakes and Phylis Starkey at Woughton on the Green allotments

Andrew Lansley with Mark Lancaster, Catriona Morris and Lovat Field resident Maureen O'Neill

Ministers make a move on MK

MINISTERS have been flocking to Milton Keynes' marginal constituencies ahead of the General Election.

Last Thursday Andrew Lansley, shadow secretary for health, was given a grilling by residents at the Lovat Fields Extra Care village.

He was welcomed by Mark Lancaster, who is standing again for Milton Keynes North, and Cllr Catriona Morris, contesting her Milton Keynes Council seat.

Yesterday, Secretary of State for Environment, Hilary Benn, was visiting allotments in Woughton on the Green. He was met by Milton Keynes South's Phyllis Starkey, and candidate for the north of the city, Andrew Pakes.

by racist abuse

Sarah McDonald with the defaced election leaflet from the Labour party

She added: "We are concerned to hear about the distress caused to this customer and have asked for the relevant mailing to be forwarded to us in order to look into this matter further."

ELECTIONBRIEFS

Labour recruit

AN extra helper has joined the Labour election campaign team for Milton Keynes South, just in time for the launch of the Labour Party's election manifesto.

Dr Phyllis Starkey's fourth grandchild, Soren, was born on Sunday, weighing seven pounds.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," said Dr Starkey, the Labour candidate for Milton Keynes South.

"Mother and baby are doing well and I can't wait to meet him. Soren is our fourth grandson and my father-in-law's seventh great-grandson."

Motorway Man from MK

THE type of floating voter who could swing the election has been dubbed Motorway Man, and is likely to live in Milton Keynes.

Research groups have identified the voter as childless, youngish voters who live in modern homes close to the main motorway networks in places where planning permission is easier to obtain.

Motorway Man is over-represented in key marginal seats such as Milton Keynes South, and politicians are clamouring to secure his vote.

Even The Sunday Times has been on the election trail with candidates for the south of the city looking for Motorway Man.

Left-right, left-right

A CANDIDATE from a new city-based political party has put himself up for election.

Businessman Jonathan Worth, founder of the Nationwide Reform Party, is in the running for Milton Keynes South.

He describes his stance as 'left and right', with one of his main policies to nationalise public transport and utilities.

Having lived here for 30 years, he registered the party in April 2007, putting a fellow candidate up for a seat in Bournemouth.

He said: "We are looking to be something big in the future. This is the party of reform.

"It's not about making changes and addressing symptoms as the mainstream political parties have been doing.

This is about creating positive change for the next 200 years. I appreciate we are not going to form the Government."

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Renting privately gives people a choice

SIR – In reply to Eamonn Bobey's letter last week, I would like to say that I'd like to support his ideas, but for the fact that he mentioned the £65billion paid out on private renting as if it was bad and a curse.

I lived on Netherfield too, for five years. I made I apparent from the offset that I didn't want to be there.

As the rent was £70 per week I assumed that my complete benefit sum for anywhere would be the same and anything I could rent privately elsewhere would be a maximum of therefore £300 a month, which is a room.

On a piece of slipped out conversation by a couple of council members I was informed that actually my allowance, with my son, was £610 a month, almost double.

I took the chance immediately and looked for private from that second.

I have left the Netherfield that Eamonn lives on now past six months, yet every other week I have communications with people on Netherfield asking me how they can get off there, saying how much they hate living there.

The problem is that the estates like Netherfield are riddled with terror, bad attitude and suffering.

I agree that the council list has been revised, although a job lot have made it most difficult by abusing the system for others.

Eamonn has those facts but he doesn't see what figures in the whole of the entirety which means nothing.

Karen Evangelista
Watling Street, Fenny Stratford

More midwives

SIR – I do believe there should be more midwifes.

I gave birth to my son in November – the midwives were stressed as there was not enough staff.

Me and another woman had pre aclamcia and were admitted to Ward 9 we both had to be rushed down to the labour ward on different nights to deliver.

So if midwives are taken from Ward 9 what would other women do in our situation?

I had one-to-one care in the labour ward for the whole of my 36hrs.

Name and address supplied

■ SIR – I am dismayed that Milton Keynes Hospital can celebrate the fact that it has recruited eight more midwives when, in the same breath, revealing that they lose them as fast as they recruit them.

I find it staggering that a city the size of Milton Keynes – one of the fastest growing in Europe – has such poor maternity services.

Surely it should have one of the best, not one of the worst.

And why does this problem keep lingering?

For several years now we have heard of the inadequacies of that unit.

We have heard it anecdotally.

It has been noted by Government inspectors, again and again. Even a coroner has pointed out its failings on two occasions. And yet the problems persist.

It is good that they are recruiting eight new midwives, but not good enough.

Ann Haines
Bletchley

Pulp friction

SIR – I am writing in response to the letter recently printed in your paper entitled: 'Charity books sent straight for pulping'.

The situation with books that are donated to us that are not in saleable condition, eg pages torn/missing, broken or outdated, is that they are bought off of us by a recycling company.

This generates approximately £2,000 a year in additional income to Willen Hospice that can be put towards providing our patient care.

We are extremely grateful for all donations we receive but endeavor only to sell good quality items onto our customers in our shops.

This is why we have schemes such as the above in place and, with unsalable clothes, that means we can maximise the income generated from the publics' generous donations.

John Acres
Trading manager, Willen Hospice

Route of all evil

SIR – I wish to draw to your attention the Wolverton end of bus route 12.

As an arthritic geriatric I am very concerned at the major changes as stated on notices on the bus.

I have made enquiries about the new timetables and have been told that they will not be available until April 16. The changes come into operation on April 25.

Local gossip has it that the new service from Wolverton will be a one way circular route via Greenleys and several estates back to Wolverton.

I use the current 12 service every day and have often had cause to complain with the bus being anything from eight minutes early, 25 minutes late or not arriving at all.

Hail and Ride or rather Hope and Pray .

Route 12 needs revising but not as being stated.

M Goodhew
Oxman Lane, Greenleys

Road used as rat-run despite traffic calming

SIR – I live in Water Eaton Road in Bletchley where they have traffic calming schemes and extremely important traffic lights on both sides of the narrow bridge at the end of the road.

Let's bear in mind that this is an urban road, not really designed for heavy cut-through traffic, but having families with children living on the road.

I think that the whole of the traffic calming system needs to be looked at – even to place a couple of safety cameras along its route or divert traffic away from it – before someone, god forbid a child, is killed.

Most times of the day it becomes a race track to see who can get through the traffic calming system without stopping – some at high speeds.

We have 40ft artics and other HGV vehicles trying to turn out of Duncome Street, another urban street, having to make three or four shunts to get round the corner.

I have even seen people jump the traffic lights at the bridge without being able to see what is coming.

One incident of madness was at the recent roadworks away from the bridge which closed the road.

Some people totally ignoring the 'road closed' and 'diversion' signs, (one was actually thrown into the road by some irrate driver who had to stop), driving over the grass verge and along the footpath to go round the obstruction.

Four of my grandchildren were coming home from school when one of these incidents happened and had to quickly move out of the way of one of these stupid, ignorant people.

Please, please Milton Keynes Council do something about this road before someone is killed, possibly one of my grandkids.

Mick Radwell
Bletchley

Vote cancer care

SIR – I am writing to raise awareness of Macmillan's Vote Cancer Support campaign.

People don't choose to have cancer, and they don't choose which cancer they get, but the forthcoming General Election gives us all the opportunity to choose how we treat the one in three people who are unlucky enough to get cancer.

Macmillan has been campaigning to improve the support offered to the two million people living with and beyond cancer; improve access to treatments for rarer cancers; and for better out of hours care for people nearing the end of their lives.

I want our local Parliamentary candidates to support these proposals to improve cancer care in the UK.

We need to keep the pressure on and I want to encourage others to get our local parliamentary candidates to sign up to the Vote Cancer Support campaign by going to Macmillan's website: www.macmillan.org.uk/vote.

Sarah Cooling
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Unsung herores

SIR – It broke my heart to read about nurse Jennifer Maruziva, who has given her life to a profession, only for her career to end so bitterly.

I am not going to get in to whether she was discriminated against or not. That is for a tribunal to decide.

But what her case shows is that there are unsung heroes of the medical world, who care so much for their work but get overlooked not only in terms of pay and treatment but also recognition given to them.

We always hear about the life saving doctors and miracle performing surgeons.

What about the hard working nurses?

Name and address supplied

Pounds for pets

SIR – Veterinary charity PDSA is holding its first ever fund-raising month this May.

Called 'Pounds for Pets,' it aims to raise thousands for sick and injured pets across the country.

We are asking animal lovers to organise their own events. You can do anything you like, such as raffles, book sales, dog walks, dress-down days, karaoke and quiz nights.

Children can also get involved by organising a cake sale or a sponsored silence at school.

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Unassuming council boss just having 'fun'

Soaring salaries in the public sector have come under fire from bodies like the Taxpayers' Alliance and the Conservative Party. Reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE went to see what Milton Keynes Council's highest earner, chief executive David Hill, gets up to on a typical day

OVER the last 20 years David Hill has moved from tackling the troubles in Northern Ireland to becoming Milton Keynes Council's trouble-shooter.

In the early 1990s he was instrumental in bringing about peace talks as head of the constitutional and political division at the Northern Ireland Office.

He remembers the momentous day when the four constitutional parties sat round the table for the first time.

After that he was central in drafting the Good Friday Agreement.

"I thought there was a way through," he said. "I could see a potential answer."

"It was good fun. You had to be optimistic."

In March 2009 the peacemaker found himself appointed to the top job in Milton Keynes Council, which one week earlier had been described as being in an 'internal state of political siege' by the Audit Commission in its annual letter.

"It is all about consensus," he said of the no-overall-control body. "I don't know what the answers are but I put in place the framework."

There was also the issue of the one-star rating, ranking Miton Keynes Council among the worst in the country.

But on this sunny Friday morning, as he arrives at 9am for a council workshop on performance improvement, he is neither peace supremo or star-achieving chief.

"Can you say a bit more about yourself and your background?" says the organiser. "People weren't sure who you were last time."

He may not shout about it, but this is the man in charge of 2,400 council workers.

Perhaps the 55-year-old Cambridge graduate's calm manner and straight-talking nature sets him apart from typical officers.

Indeed he uses jargon – calling councillors and officers 'members' and 'colleagues' – but he is refreshingly unassuming for someone with such a pressurised job.

"I'm not a person who likes to have their name in lights," he said.

What sets him apart from the people in this workshop is his pay: Mr Hill earns £155,000 a year.

This is a day when Tory leader David Cameron has been hoping to make headway in the polls by criticising the big pay packets in the public sector.

But Mr Hill says what he takes home is warranted.

"I don't think it's a controversial issue. I've been recruited in a very competitive market. I'm not doing this because it's more money but because it's interesting and a challenge. I feel I'm being paid a reasonable amount for what I do and for the responsibility I have.

"You've got to remember that Milton Keynes Council is a £700m revenue a year. With the capital programme on top it is a billion pound a year business. That makes it the equivalent of a FTSE 200 business, and chief executives in the private sector would earn £400,000 plus bonus."

So if his pay packet is justified, then what about the waste in local government cited by the Opposition?

"I don't see much sign of waste in local government. But nearly always you look at a service and people have ideas about how it can be done better."

Mr Hill spent 25 years in the civil service, behind the scenes of the national and international stage - from being a government expert on terrorism travelling to Madrid, Bilbao and Tel Aviv ('I thought, I've got to get out of this terrorism business, it's a dead-end career') to modernising the House of Lords.

But moving the 'huge levers in Whitehall' without seeing the results pushed him towards local government and he took up a job at Suffolk County Council before becoming chief executive of Ashford Borough Council.

"I've never had a planned career, I've always done what seems most interesting at the time. Local government is a more interesting place than central government."

Next in his busy schedule is a presentation on the new community mapping service, the council sharing its data with the public - 'interesting', as Mr Hill puts it.

Everything is either 'interesting' or 'fun'.

In fact, 'fun' is a word used more often than you would think for someone at the helm of this organisation – one which has previously been rocked by school build scandals and poor children's services.

"It's quite fun being chief executive – you get to poke your nose into anything," he said, before making his way to admire the regeneration work on Tinkers Bridge and Fishermead.

While getting out is deemed fun and the best part of his job, it is the distinctive political landscape of the city which is the most interesting aspect.

"Politics here is complicated, there is no overall control, so politics here is challenging. Members are very engaged, very passionate. They are quite outspoken, not just people who drift in and out of the civic offices. There is a very vibrant local democracy in Milton Keynes."

While he may enjoy finding middle ground between warring councillors, he does not favour the time it takes, citing the long hours as the worst part of the job.

He is nomally in the office before 8am, he does not usually finish until 8pm.

In fact, last night's Audit Committee went on until 10.45pm and there is an element of weariness when he speaks about the financial minutiae they were poring over.

Though this may not be fun, he maintains that meetings such as this, like all the council's work, is 'always interesting'.

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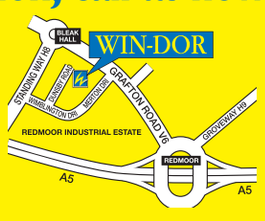

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MK drug supplier to close website

Online 'plant food' retailer to quit in advance of new banning law

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A MEPHEDRONE supplier will stop trading today before the substance is classified as a Class B drug.

Kiln Farm-based Mkat4u sells the 'plant food', which has been linked to the deaths of 26 people.

It will stop selling two days before the ban comes into effect on Friday.

Also known as MKAT and Meow Meow, the chemical is being used as a cheaper version of cocaine or ecstasy, anti drugs campaigners say.

The House of Lords is likely to approve the classification after MPs supported it on Wednesday.

The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) feared that it would lead to people bulk buying before the ban.

The MKat4u website warns 'stock levels are now extremely low' and have upped their prices from £65 for 10g to £80.

Mephedrone will become a Class B drug from Friday

One of the people behind the site says: "As soon as I've run out of stock I'm going to stop trading and close the website down, contacting the correct authorities to ensure I'm complying with the law.

"People are pretty confident they will be able to get it after the ban but not in the way it is marketed and sold at the moment."

He moved into the 'plant food' industry after selling phone accessories and electronic goods.

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Lost a pet ferret?

Pensioner finds stray hiding in his greenhouse

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A FERRET made a lucky choice when it decided to run away to a Bletchley greenhouse.

The cream albino pet decided to make Thomas Halsey's home its hideaway on Monday morning.

The 74-year-old was delighted to discover the 'lovely thing' in his Water Eaton Road garden.

A lifelong lover of the mammals, he used to keep 14 at one time which he used for hunting.

He said: "I was on the phone and the person who is helping me create a herb garden shouted to me, Tom, there's a ferret in your garden. It was a lovely little thing and it disappeared in a cardboard box. I phoned the RSPCA but could not find anyone to talk to. There was no answer from a ferret sanctuary in Reading. The police said they do not deal with that and put me onto the Parks Trust. They put me onto the council and the woman who collects stray dogs came round to get her.

"The council phoned me back and said can you think of a name beginning with F for it. I said it's a female, you can tell by the size. She became known as Fluffy. I'm just hoping that the owner will come forward and claim her."

The council is looking after Fluffy until she is claimed.

Karen Ford, who is responsible for animal welfare for the council, said: "We are launching an appeal to ferret fanciers in Milton Keynes so that can reunite Fluffy with its owner."

Anyone who might know the owner or has lost a ferret can contact the council environmental services helpline on 01908 252625.

Launching appeal: Animal welfare officer Karen Ford is hoping to find the owner of ferret Fluffy

Council gets smart with city electricity supply

MILTON Keynes is one of the first places in the country to develop a 'smart grid' electricity network.

State-of-the-art technology will track electricity flow in the city and help residents adopt low carbon energy products such as heat pumps.

It will also allow appliances to operate in the most efficient manner possible, by configuring themselves to operate at off-peak times and by switching themselves off automatically.

A 'smart grid' will also mean it will be much easier for customers to put their own locally produced power back into the grid.

It follows a memorandum of understanding signed by Milton Keynes Council and Central Networks, the electricity distribution company for Central England, at Cranfield University on Friday.

Central Networks will be applying for funding from Ofgem to develop various low carbon, energy-saving projects.

David Hill, chief executive of MK Council, said: "We are known as the city of 'firsts', and again we find ourselves on the cusp of something new and very exciting."

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Local council elections

AS well as the General Election, Milton Keynes Council elections will take place on May 6.

Candidates from the main political parties, Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrats, as well as the Green Party and UK Independence Party, are fighting for 18 seats.

There is also one Independent candidate, one from the British National Party and several from the Christian People's Alliance in the running.

The list of candidates is as follows:

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford
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Angela Kennedy (Conservative)
Cathy Kitchiner (UKIP)
Michel Nelson-Peppal (CPA)
Catherine Scanlon (Green)
Rita Venn (Labour)

Bradwell
Doris Amartey (CPA)
Robin Bradburn (Lib Dem)
Jinmi Macaulay (Conservative)
Edward May (Green)
Michael Maylam (UKIP)
Pauline Wallis (Labour)

Campbell Park
Festus Akinbusoye (Conservative)
Carol Barac (Green)
John Goss (Labour and Co-Op)
Mike Johnson (CPA)
Isobel McCall (Lib Dem)
Ken Webb (UKIP)

Denbigh
Edis Bevan (Lib Dem)
Reg Chopra (Conservative)
Francesca Hill (Green)
Nigel Long (Labour)
Chris Tett (UKIP)

Eaton Manor
Paul Bowler (Green)
Sam Browne (Conservative)
Reg Edwards (Labour)
Stuart Leeming (UKIP)
Charles Nti (CPA)
Kieren Trent (BNP)
Alfred Vella (Lib Dem)

Emerson Valley
Philip Buckley (Green)
Stuart Burke (Lib Dem)
Sarah Murphy (UKIP)
Sairam Reddy (Labour)
Neil Warden (Conservative)

Furzton
Linda Chestney (CPA)
John Creaser (Green)
Jenni Ferrans (Lib Dem)
Robin Francis (Labour)
Maggie Walton (Conservative)
Graham White (UKIP)

Linford North
Peter Edwards (Green)
Colin Lund (Labour)
Roger Nye (UKIP)
Anita Rose (Independent)
David Tunney (Conservative)
Christine Zealley (Lib Dem)

Linford South
Heather Botchway (CPA)
Ric Brackenbury (Lib Dem)
Ron Ghose (UKIP)
Caroline Lancaster (Green)
Catriona Morris (Conservative)
Paul Williams (Labour)

Loughton Park
Karel De Heer (CPA)
Andy Dransfield (Conservative)
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Adrian Pitfield (UKIP)
Martin Potter (Labour)
Christopher Thompson (Lib Dem)

Newport Pagnell North
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Derek Eastman (Lib Dem)
Jeannette Green (Conservative)
Trevor Kirby (UKIP)

Newport Pagnell South
Alec Denman (UKIP)
Agnes Effah (CPA)
Andy Maric (Lib Dem)
Martin Petchey (Labour)
Jenny Sharp (Conservative)

Olney
Debbie Brock (Conservative)
Dana Green (UKIP)
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Adrian Dnes (Lib Dem)
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Jessica Holroyd (Labour)
Tahlie Macnair-Kay (Lib Dem)
Arshan Majid (Labour)
Maria May (Green)
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Philip Wharton (Conservative)

Walton Park
Edward Butler-Ellis (Conservative)
Katrina Deacon (Green)
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Moriah Priestley (Labour)
Shafiq Subhan (Lib Dem)
Robert Wardle (UKIP)

Whaddon
Bev Caprice (Green)
Gladstone McKenzie (Labour)
Arthur Morton (UKIP)
Sacha Nitsche (Lib Dem)
Uche Okoronkwo (CPA)

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The council's recycling team is inviting all mums, dads, babies, parents-to-be, midwives and health professionals to their Real Nappy Fashion Show to see the latest fabrics, styles and designs of modern, washable nappies on the catwalk babes.

The event is being held at The Chrysalis Theatre in Willen on Thursday April 29 from 10-1.30am.

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Police appeal after bookmakers robbed

POLICE are looking for witnesses after a robbery at a bookmakers.

At 12.20pm on Friday a man entered Coral Bookmakers in Tanfield Lane, Broughton.

He threatened staff and demanded cash from the cashier, who handed over £210. No one was injured in the incident.

It is unclear how many offenders there were or if a vehicle was used.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the offence, saw anyone in the area acting suspiciously, or has any information to contact Detective Constable Serena Bellis on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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VOTERS in Milton Keynes could be denying themselves the chance to vote in the general and local elections because they are not on the electoral register.

This is the message from election officers at Milton Keynes Council who are keen to encourage everyone to use their vote in both the general and local elections on Thursday, May 6.

Nationally the Electoral Commission, the independent elections watchdog, is running a campaign to let people know they must register if they wish to vote next month.

Jenny Watson, chairman of the Electoral Commission said: "The countdown to the election is now on, and voters only have until April 20 to make sure they are registered.

"If you're not on the register, you can't vote. So go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or call 0800 3 280 280 and register now."

A YouGov survey for the Electoral Commission revealed that while over two-thirds of adults in Great Britain (69 per cent) said they definitely planned to vote, more than one in four (23 per cent) incorrectly believed that if you pay council tax you are automatically registered to vote.

One in five (20 per cent) thought that you can register to vote right up to the day before the election, which is also untrue.

Residents who have not already registered have until Tuesday, April 20 to register to vote.

Registering for a postal vote must also be done by 5pm on Tuesday April 20.

If you are already registered to vote by post the Milton Keynes Council needs to hold an up to date version of your signature as this is used to verify your postal vote.

If you have changed your signature since you registered for a postal vote please contact the elections helpline as a matter of urgency, otherwise it is likely that your vote will not be counted.

The general election count will be held overnight while the local election votes will be counted on Friday, May 7.

Results are expected at just before breakfast time for the general election and early afternoon for the local elections.

For the first time the council will be using text alerts to remind residents to vote and anyone who has any election queries can contact the help line number on 01908 254706 or e-mail elections@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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SPORTS legend Sir Ian Botham will march through Milton Keynes for Leukemia Research.

As part of a ten day, ten town tour of England, the cricketer will bring 'Beefy's Great Forget Me Not' walk to the city on Saturday.

The 10-mile walk will start from Marks and Spencer, which is sponsoring the event, and join sponsored walkers in Willen Lake and Campbell Park.

The tour marks 25 years since Sir Ian's legendary walk from John O'Groats to Land's End, his first fundraising walk for the blood cancer charity.

Sir Ian, president of Leukaemia Research, said: "My walk in 2010 will be extra special for me as it marks 25 years since I did my first walk and also the 50th birthday for Leukaemia Research.

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If you would like to join Sir Ian on one of his walks call Botham Walk Fundraising Coordinator David Blandford on 020 7685 5143, email beefy25@lrf.org.uk or visit www.beefy25.com

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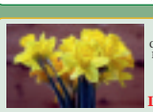

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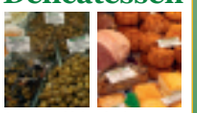

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Bedford Preparatory School is a happy community, the corridors and classrooms are alive with animated chatter and the buzz of purposeful activity as the younger boys set about tackling their work, bursting onto the sports field or simply discovering the Next Big Thing. It is an environment where every pupil is encouraged to explore all the opportunities open to him – and at Bedford, opportunities are available in abundance. "There are no compromises" declares Headmaster Chris Godwin, "it's all about the boys. We have made it our business to understand their individual needs and tailor their education specifically. Everyone is encouraged to set and pursue his personal goals and, with this level of support, every boy can exceed his own expectations and develop a sense of his own worth".

School family

The well-established house system lies at the heart of the school. Each house is comprised of a happy mix of day and boarding pupils and is a distinct community in its own right, inspiring loyalty, pride and a sense of 'family'. With caring support, bright, comfortable accommodation and a full social life, the boys settle quickly and happily as they forge close friendships, many of which will last for life. In the classroom, traditional practice is enhanced by innovative teaching and a forward thinking approach that balances academic, creative and sporting activities - all vital ingredients to personal growth.

The curriculum is broad, with additional languages and ICT skills taught alongside the traditional disciplines. The Modern Foreign Language Department aims to provide the boys with the knowledge, skills and self-assurance to converse with confidence and through the language laboratory, themed days and residential trips abroad, the boys are exposed to a range of learning styles to make the journey a fun experience. Always at the forefront of new educational thinking, Bedford has introduced a virtual learning environment based on the software used by the Open University. As well as interactive learning opportunities, this exciting new development provides a range of resources to support learning such as summary notes, homework details and discussion forums and has proved to be hugely popular with the boys.

Talents and passions

In the sporting arena, on the stage or after hours, there are endless opportunities for the boys to discover their individual talents and passions and develop them. Bedford has an enviable reputation for sporting success and at every level of ability the boys are encouraged to take an interest from an early age. With acres of glorious playing fields, top class facilities and expert coaching, the pupils can have a go at a huge range of team and individual sports from rugby and hockey to badminton, fencing and rowing. The arts are equally well supported; Bedford School is particularly noted for music with a large proportion of boys choosing to learn an instrument and take part in the musical programmes which extend across choral singing, orchestral works, musicals and rock guitar. Add to the mix an amazing programme of after-school and weekend activities and it is easy to see why the young boys quickly become enthused and involved with the life of the School.

Happy and secure

Fundamental to the Bedford ethos is the belief that children learn more when they are happy and secure and to this end the Preparatory School ensures that every boy receives a high level of pastoral care and individual support. In an atmosphere where pupils and staff mutually enjoy each other's company and parents are closely involved with every aspect of their sons' education, the boys visibly grow in confidence and ability as they progress through the School, well prepared and eager to face new challenges.

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Woburn chef is set to cook for royalty

MICHELIN starred chef Alan Murchison has won his heat on the road to cooking for royalty.

Alan, who heads up the 10 in 8 Fine Dining Group with his team, and has just re-opened the well renowned fine dining restaurant Paris House set on the idyllic Woburn Estate.

He has won the Scottish heat and made it through to the finals of this year's Great British Menu, currently being aired on BBC Two.

The ultimate aim is to have a course on the menu for a lavish banquet of the country's local food providers and featuring special guest HRH The Prince of Wales.

Alan also runs two separate Michelin starred restaurants outside London, L'Ortolan in Berkshire and La Becasse in Ludlow, Shropshire

Alan said: "It was great to be invited back to the show to take part again this year. It was a really tough heat - the Scottish cheffing talent is really exceptional and I am really looking forward to the next challenge."

The Great British Menu is currently on BBC Two weekdays at 6.30pm. The finals will be shown at the end of May.

Chef Alan Murchison, who has just re-opened the Paris House restaurant on the Woburn Estate, won his heat in The Great British Menu

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On Saturday, April 3 between 3am and 3.30am, offenders broke into Grafton Motorcycles, Newport Road, Wavendon and stole four high value motorcycles and various motorcycle clothing.

The motorcycles stolen are; a black and white Honda CBR1000RR Fireblade; two black and white Honda CBR600RR; and a red, white and blue Honda CBR1000RR Fireblade. The total value of the property stolen is over £39,000.

Officers are appealing for anyone who witnessed the offence, saw anyone or any vehicle in the area acting suspiciously or who has been offered any of the above goods at a reduced price to contact them.

Anyone with information is urged to contact PC Alana Heaver at Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505. If you do not want to talk to the police, call the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Gang use knife on cyclist in attempted campus robbery

A MAN was left with a cut near his eye after robbers attacked him and pulled out a knife.

At around 2.10pm on Thursday the 21-year-old was cycling on a footpath near Stantonbury Campus when he was surrounded by six men.

He had his pockets searched before being punched in the face and held in a headlock.

A knife was produced by one of the offenders and he was cut above one of his eyes.

The men, who made off empty handed, were black and wearing sports branded clothing.

The first main attacker was in his late teens to early twenties, 6ft tall with bushy eyebrows. He was wearing a bandanna across the lower part of his face, a Nike top, black trousers and Nike trainers.

The second attacker was of a similar age, 5ft 9ins, with a round pink-coloured scar under his left eye and he was wearing a black jacket with a fur lining around the hood, Adidas tracksuit bottoms and black or silver trainers.

If you have any information about the incident contact DS Neil Robinson at Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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Deaths

Margaret Ellen Bradley

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Her funeral was held yesterday (Tuesday) at South Chapel, West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford WD25 0JS.

Margaret requested no flowers, but donations in her memory may be made to: Neath House Comfort Fund, through; The Funeral Company Ltd, 19 Stratford Road, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LJ 01908 225222

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Marathon mum

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Annie Winterbourn is attempting to raise £1,200 funds for Toybox on April 25.

The Christian charity helps children who live and work in streets and rubbish dumps in Guatemala, Bolivia, Peru and El Salvador.

She said: "I remember the goose bumps on my arms that I felt as a little girl when watching the brightly coloured outfits bobbing up and down as feet pounded the streets of London. I wanted to experience the atmosphere, the excitement and adrenaline that the runners so clearly felt."

Within ten months the Toybox employee has gone from never running to being able to cover 26 miles.

To keep her motivation up, she has focused on the children her run will be supporting.

She added: "My daughter Olivia turned four last summer. She has food, clothing, time to play and a loving home in which to feel safe and grow. Every child should have these basic needs met. It is simply not right that children as young as her live on the streets. Toybox is helping these children feel safe, to feel loved and to feel that they belong."

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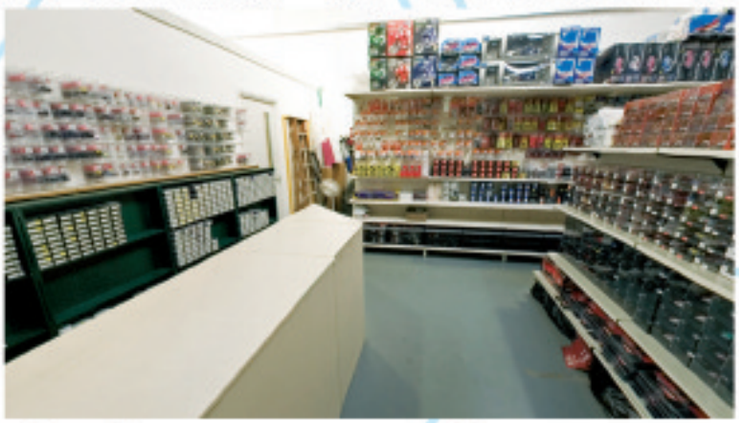

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Kit off for cancer charity

THESE village ladies have bared nearly all for charity.

Valerie Clark and Glenys Brearley from Clifton Reynes hatched a cunning plan over a couple of glasses of wine and persuaded the fair ladies to strip off for Breast Cancer Care and create a stylish 2010 Calendar.

To date, the calendars have raised £10,000.

The proceeds have largely been raised from the 44 households in the village, so, the 'models' decided to donate £1,000 to the restoration fund of the 11th century village church, St Mary the Virgin.

The Clifton Calendar Girls, taking inspiration from that famous WI Calendar, called on local student photographer Harriet Shaw, to take the creative pictures, and feature in the calendar herself.

The pictures are a celebration of real women, in a tasteful state of undress, with props themed from local village activities, gardening, cricket, horseriding, fishing and slightly unexpectedly, fluffy rugs and half open umbrellas.

The Robin Hood Pub staged a magnificent launch for the Clifton Calendar Girls in November. A party night for the whole village and friends, where the first ten signed calendars were auctioned by church warden Martyn Wilkinson for £100 each, alongside other generously donated auction lots. Sparkling pink cocktails helped the celebrations and calendar sales along.

Val said: "We started raising funds for Breast Cancer Care last year, as we realised most of our lives have been touched in some way by cancer and we wanted to make a difference. Creating the Clifton Calendar Girls 2010 has been a very special moment in the lives of everyone who took part."

Milton Keynes Partnership Committee Public Meetings

The next public meeting of the Milton Keynes Partnership Planning Sub Committee will take place on:

Date and time: Monday 26th April 2010 from 5.30pm

Venue: The Guild Hall, City Church, CMK. MK9 2ES

For an agenda and more details of the meeting either contact the Committee Secretariat at the address below or view five working days prior to the meeting on www.miltonkeynespartnership.info

Anyone wishing to address or submit questions to the Committee should contact the Secretariat in writing by **12 noon on Thursday 22nd April 2010** to Milton Keynes Partnership Committee, CBX II, 414-428 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA.

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Emma Glass, left, from Lexus Milton Keynes with Rachel Medill and children from Ride High

A COMPANY has helped put a smile on the faces of disadvantaged children this Easter.

Staff at Lexus Milton Keynes collected more than 40 chocolate eggs and donated them to the Ride High charity for children during the Easter Holidays.

Lexus Centre manager Emma Glass said: "I am so impressed with the work that Rachel Medill and her team do, the response from the children attending and the results achieved.

"We only have a small team here at Lexus, but everyone wanted to send a treat to the children and a number will work as volunteers at Ride High over the coming months."

Ride High is a charity operating from the Equestrian Centre in Milton Keynes, helping some of the most disadvantaged and troubled children by teaching them to ride and care for horses.

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Wetherspoon women make marathon effort

TWO Wetherspoons workers are swapping pints of beer for water as they take to the streets of London in this year's marathon.

Jo Dooley, manager at The Moon under Water in Xscape, Avebury Boulevard and Wetherspoon head of corporate affairs, Caroline Walters.

The two women are aiming to play their part in raising £250,000 for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent as part of Team Wetherspoon.

Jo, 32, said: "We are both looking forward to the challenge of competing in the London Marathon. Our fellow staff and customers have been very supportive. Finishing the marathon will be a great personal achievement for the two of us and more importantly will support a fantastic charity, CLIC Sargent."

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Charity benefits from 'lost' dress

A TRAIN manager has been to meet a millionaire gym giant after finding his wife's designer dress.

John Power, Virgin Trains on-board manager, located the mislaid red dress belonging to Duncan Bannatyne's wife, Joanne, after she had been visiting her sister in the city.

It followed a campaign on Twitter to locate the garment which she left on the Virgin service between Milton Keynes and London Euston on March 17.

Mr Bannatyne offered a £1,000 reward to whoever found it but when Mr Power came forward he donated the money to children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Mr Power said: "I'm absolutely delighted to have been able to help find Mrs Bannatyne's designer dress and that she was able to wear it to a charity dinner that evening as planned.

"We always do the best we can to recover lost items at Virgin Trains and now, with the aid of social networking sites like Twitter, it's easier to spread the word when help is needed."

Paul Turner, head of major fund raising at CLIC Sargent, said: "This latest donation has been one of the more unusual ways that Virgin Train's employees have lent their support and demonstrates the power of Twitter and an eagle-eyed employee.

"CLIC Sargent would like to thank both Duncan Bannatyne and John Power for contributing the £1,000 reward money for the lost dress."

MKG marks ten years

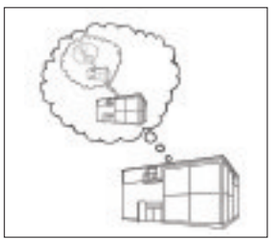
A SPECIAL exhibition is opening celebrating ten years of Milton Keynes Gallery.

The aptly titled 'The Life and Times of Milton Keynes Gallery' runs from Saturday until June 27.

Mark Leckey, winner of the 2008 Turner Prize, and Martin McGeown, director of Cabinet Gallery, London, are collaborating on the exhibition which has been composed from material sourced from the gallery's archive.

The pair have created two new films that 'sample' the gallery's documentation of past exhibitions and events, curating, or cutting, an exhibition from the recorded history of the space.

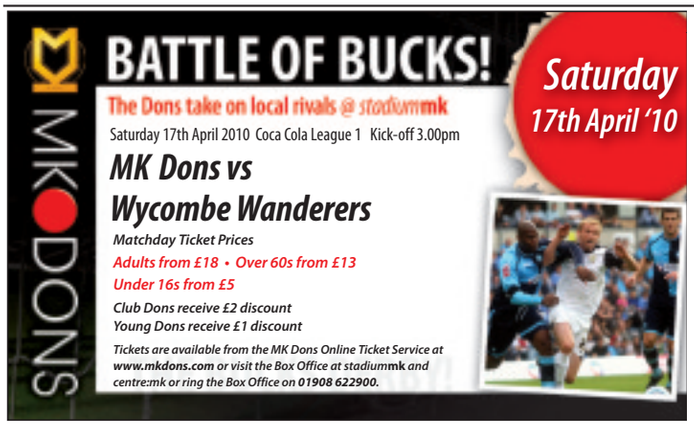
The curators have also enlisted cartoonist Lee Healey to contribute additional interpretations.



There will also be a wall full of approximately 500 thumbnail sized pics of past art work at the gallery, a model of the gallery revolving on a plinth with a 'green screen' behind it that people can interact with, a film of loads of archive material as well as footage from talks, press releases, installation pictures and a slide show of the many installations at the gallery over the years.

The gallery opened in October 1999 as the city's purpose-built venue for exhibitions of international contemporary art.

Since then it has organised over 50 exhibitions including diverse figures as Gilbert & George, 1999; Andy Warhol, 2001; Archigram, 2003; Phil Collins, 2005; Shirana Shahbazi, 2006; Pascale Marthine Tayou, 2007; Cathy Wilkes, 2008; and this year Marcus Coates.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Applications are invited to run **Childcare Services** at the new Children's Centre at Beechwood Primary School, Luton. Construction of the new Children's Centre at Beechwood Primary School is nearing completion, and the Governors of the School are now seeking a childcare provider for the Centre. The governors of Beechwood Primary School and Luton's Sure Start team **wish to encourage local groups, including voluntary or community-based childcare organisations,** with relevant experience to tender to provide this Service. You should be able to offer full day care services for 0 - 5 year olds within a new build at the school. It is anticipated that commencement of the contract is likely to be from September 2010 and issued for a period of three years and subject to annual performance monitoring and review.

Applications are therefore invited from suitably qualified and experienced organisations that wish to be considered to provide this childcare service. Initially, you are requested to complete a questionnaire that is available from the address below.

Abdul Munim,
Early Years and Childcare Commissioner,
Wesley House, 19 Chapel Street, Luton, LU1 2SE.
Tel: 01582 54 80 79
Email: abdul.munim@luton.gov.uk

The closing date for submission of applications is

12 noon on the 17 May 2010.

It is anticipated that those short listed will be required to make a presentation and attend a question and answer session on 28 May 2010.

If you wish to discuss this further please contact Abdul Munim.

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£50k grant thrills old park saviours

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Friends of the Park in Wolverton were successful in their application to the Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN).

The grant, which will be used to carry out improvements to the play area in the park, is the latest project for the friends group which was set up in 2007.

The group, which is made up of regular park users and residents who live by the park on Victoria Street and Stacey Avenue, has been organising events in the park now for three years.

Marie Osborne, spokesman for the group said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded this grant from WREN which will enable us to create a new play area for under fives and provide additional sports-based equipment for older children. We have spent lots of time over the last three years working hard to find out what local children and their families want, and this is huge reward for all that hard work."

The group will be celebrating securing the grant with a release of 50 balloons to represent the £50,000 at their annual Spring Activity Day today (Wednesday).

Gardening experts to give hands-on tips and advice

GET some inside knowledge for your garden this spring.

Frosts Garden Centre welcomes the season with a weekend packed with well-known gardening experts to help people in Milton Keynes get the best from their garden and grow your own.

On Saturday Geoff Hodge – writer, author and broadcaster will be speaking about his 20 years of 'growing his own' at home and on his allotment. He is author of RHS Allotment Handbook and recently finished his works on RHS Allotment Journal and, on the day, Geoff will be giving free demonstrations, hands-on tips and advice on how to plant the perfect hanging basket or container between 10am and 4pm.

On Sunday, celebrity gardener Chris Collins will be in the centre from 10am until 4pm.

Well-known for shows such as ITV's This Morning, and the BBC's Gardeners World Live, as well his current programme Garden Invaders on BBC1. Chris will be answering questions, and giving tips and advice on how to get the best from your garden.

Celebrity gardener Chris Collins

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The competition open to secondary and primary school children in the Milton Keynes area is for a 1,000 word essay on the subject of 'stranger in a strange place'.

David Urch, local author and teacher at Bury Lawn School, will be the judge of the best entries.

The ten authors of the 10 essays judged to be the best will each receive copies of books written by David Urch at an award ceremony to be held at Milton Keynes' Library in June as will their schools.

Entries will be accepted at any time up to the start of half term and submissions may be typed or hand written.

David himself was on hand to tell stories from and sign copies of his books at Waterstones, Midsummer Place from 11am until 3pm.

If you would like more information on how your business or school can benefit from 'stranger in a strange place' contact the Chamber of Commerce at www.mk-chamber.co.uk or call 01908 259000.

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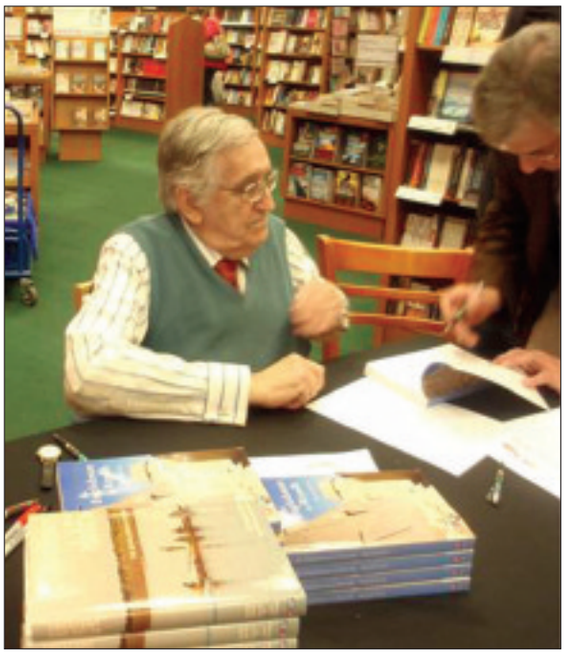

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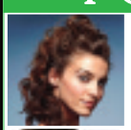

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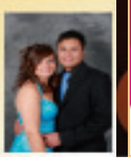

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Flowers for 100-year-old Sainsbury's customer Floss

A SAINSBURY'S customer has celebrated her 100th birthday in style.

Floss Kimpton reached the grand old age last week.

Floss is a regular customer at Sainsbury's, Milton Keynes and many years ago she also worked for the company.

To help celebrate the fantastic milestone Sainsbury's, Milton Keynes presented Floss with a huge bunch of flowers.

Floss showed off her 100th birthday card from the Queen and talked about her life.

Floss, who was around in World War I and II says her secret for looking young is not to eat sugar.

Floss used to work in Sainsbury's in a small corner shop in Woodgreen where she used to serve on the diary counter for £8 a week.

She accidently told the Store Manger that she could skin a rabbit and she was offered a job on the meat counter for £12 a week.

Floss turned the job down as she could not face the thought of all that blood!

Store Manager, Nick Wynne said "it is fantastic that Floss is still able to get out and about and do her own shopping. Floss was very interesting to talk to and I think I have just found the stores oldest customer. Happy birthday Floss."

Horse feed company sponsors Ride High

A HORSE feed company has joined forces with a charity to help disadvantaged children learn to ride and care for horses.

Ride High is a registered charity operating from a local riding school, and offers children long term access to their club which works to develop their social and academic skills as well as teaching them to ride.

SPILLERS are providing sponsorship in the form of horse feed, arranging special tours of the feed mill for the children and are supplying volunteers to carry out maintenance work at the centre. Most importantly, members of their staff are helping out in the Ride High clubroom on a weekly basis.

Jeremy Brereton, chief executive of SPILLERS said: "It's wonderful to be able to help such an excellent local equestrian charity in such a hands-on way. We feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to help make a real difference to children who live in our neighbourhood."

Youngsters at the Ride High charity welcome the involvement of SPILLERS

Rachel Medill, chairman of trustees at Ride High added: "Our partnership with is invaluable to Ride High. We are dependent on volunteers and the SPILLERS team are helping out with teaching the children."

"Ride High is always looking for volunteers to help children in the clubroom or who could drive children to and from the club. It is a fantastically rewarding thing to do as we see such positive change in the children from week to week. Anyone who is interested can contact us via the website www.ridehigh.org and arrange to come and look round.

Ride High is also organising a Summer Ball hosted by Radio star Jeremy Vine on June 19 at stadiummk.

The black tie event is sponsored by MK NEWS.

For more information contact events@ridehigh.org

Free employment law seminar

A RECRUITMENT agency is to host a free employment law seminar.

Randstad's event will give businesses throughout Milton Keynes the opportunity to update themselves on employment law and receive free business legal advice.

Experts from local solicitors Woodfines will be offering advice at the event on Wednesday April 28 at Abbey Hill Golf Club, Two Mile Ash.

Andrew Carter, Woodfines employment law specialist, will be discussing topics on bullying and harassment in the workplace and the Equality Bill.

Paul Shelton, branch manager of Randstad Milton Keynes, said: "The subjects covered in this seminar will address many of the current hot topics and it is the perfect chance for local businesses, regardless of size, to hear about the latest developments and get answers to specific questions across the whole spectrum of employment and business law."

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DO WAH DOO

Kate Nash
TWO minutes and thirty-three seconds. Doesn't sound like much, does it?

And let's not forget, this song also has a happy, swingin', groovy sixties vibe (man). However, this song feels so much longer than its running time, and I really do mean 'so much longer'.

Here's how long it seems; once the song finally came to a halt I thought about what to do next and reasoned that there really wasn't much time left to do anything ever again except go outside and watch the final heat of death of the universe, so imagine my surprise when I checked my watch and discovered that less than three minutes had actually elapsed, rather than the several billion years that I was expecting.

So why, if this is such a jolly song, is it that a tune that's got a shorter running time than a Eurovision Song Contest entry feels as though it never ends?

Well, one theory is that there's only one verse and when that's finished there are still nearly two minutes to go. After that, the proceedings are taken up with the chorus sung four times over along with a load of ad libs, which rather gives the impression that this song isn't actually finished.

Seriously, one verse followed by four choruses?

You could easily lob another verse in there, especially as the current running time isn't even long enough to boil an egg, and therein lies the problem.

After the verse is out of the way, there's nowhere near enough variation in the song structure to maintain itself.

I really hope there's better to come from the new album, because this really isn't very encouraging.

FREAK
Estelle
THIS IS TERRIBLE.

You know when old people say 'How can you like that? It doesn't even have a tune', well, this is absolutely that song.

There's a tiny bit of bass... occasionally... lots of talking, a straight lift of Soul II Soul's Back To Life for the chorus, a beat that sounds like it was programmed by a work experience kid during their lunch hour and THAT'S IT.

It sounds like a really awful mid-1990s remix (the sort of extreme reworking that'd be lucky to make it to track four on CD two in the olden days) of a song that wasn't much cop to start with.

I didn't mind American Boy, but this... seriously, what was Estelle thinking?

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By Alan Bennett

Until Saturday

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Enjoy is set in Alan Bennett's home town of Leeds where an ageing couple are living in the city's last back to back.

With the demoliton of the area in progress, Wilf and Connie are soon to bee re-housed in a brand new maisonette with a waste disposal unit and non slip vinyl flooring. When a sociologist comes to observe them in their daily life, normality takes a decidedly atypical turn.

PETER PAN

Tuesday April 20 until Saturday April 24

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PETER HOOK - UNKNOWN PLEASURES

Hosted by Howard Marks

Thursday, April 15. 8pm

PETER Hook legendary bass-slinger with two of the most influential bands in British pop music history, Joy Division and New Order, and now, having reinvented himself as a respected DJ turned author, takes his own show on the road to tell the tragi-comic tales of Factory Records, Joy Division, New Order and Manchester nightclub The Hacienda. The evening will include exclusive and previously unseen footage of Joy Division, New Order, The Hacienda, plus outtakes from Michael Winterbottom's 24 Party People alongside music and chat. Audiences will also have the opportunity to ask Hooky questions about his life and his starring role in the history, legend and mythmaking of modern Manchester.

Tickets £16.50

■ **PRE-SHOW EXHIBITION: On display in the venue will be an exhibition of Hooky's personal memorabilia from Joy Division, New Order, The Hacienda and the early Manchester Punk scene.**

ADAM RAFFERTY & CLIVE CARROLL

Thursday, April 15. 8:45pm

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Peter Hook

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Walk 4 CAMPBELL PARK
2m, 12.00 – 13.00, free
Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, Campbell Park.

Walk 5 FURZTON LAKE
4m, 14.30 – 16.30, free
Meet in the car park, V4 Watling Street, opposite the Bowl.

Walk 6 NORDIC WALK
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Meet in the car park, Bradwell Rd, H4 Dansteed Way, Lodge Lake.

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Sat 1 May

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Walk 2 OUZEL VALLEY PARK
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Sun 2 May

Walk 1 DAWN CHORUS
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Meet in the Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street.

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7m, 13.00 – 16.00, free
Meet in the car park, Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

Mon 3 May

Walk 1 TEARDROP LAKES
2-4m, 10.00 – 12.00, free
Meet in the car park, Davy Avenue, H6 Childs Way.

Walk 2 CAMPBELL PARK
6m, 10.00 – 13.00, free
Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard.

Walk 3 FURZTON LAKE
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PARK LIFE

Celebrating May Day

AFTER a very, very long winter make sure you celebrate the coming of summer with The Parks Trust's first ever festival to celebrate May Day and all its traditions.

Down through the centuries May Day has been associated with fun, revelry and perhaps most importantly for The Parks Trust the coming of summer, when nature is in bloom and when the earth is full of life.

Later than usual, the city's blackthorn has only just come into blossom, but if you look carefully the bright green hawthorn leaf buds are developing and soon it will carry dainty white flowers.

Hawthorn blossoms were traditionally said to herald the start of the summer and were used to decorate the maypole and the May Queen on May Day.

To help celebrate the beauty of our parks the Trust will be holding its first ever May Day Festival and Barn Dance on Saturday 1st May 2010 at Campbell Park.

During the day, between 11am and 3pm, there will be a variety of traditional entertainment, including maypole dancing by local schools, morris-dancing displays and a variety of stalls, traditional crafts, fairground rides and fete games to enjoy.

Taking place at the bottom of Campbell Park, near to the canal, there will be the opportunity to take short canal boat trips, to board a cheese and a fudge boat and to enjoy local parkland produce and cider.

There are also some beautiful ponds to watch local birdlife, including ducks, geese, coots, moorhens and swans.

Not to mention looking out for frogspawn and baby frogs.

At this time of year you'll also be able to listen out for the songs of different birds that will be busy finishing their nests and foraging for food ready for their new brood of chicks.

In Campbell Park you'll catch the song thrush, mistle thrush, jays, blackbirds and the occasional green woodpecker.

Bright yellow, lesser celandines will carpet nearby woodland and hedgerows, whilst the white flowers of wood anemones and the green glossy leaves of bluebells will be beginning to take hold.

You'll also catch shieldbugs sunbathing and a variety of native bees busily collecting pollen.

This festival celebrating the start of summer is free to attend and free car parking is available on Silbury and Avebury Boulevards.

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The Great Big Barn Dance takes place at 7.30-11pm and the ticket price of £15/adult and £7.50/child includes a hog roast supper. A bar will be available.

Simply turn up for the May Day Festival, but advance booking is essential for the Great Big Barn Dance.

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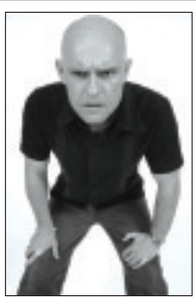

Eddy Brimson

THE GHOST (15)
Tom Wilkinson, Jim Belushi, Pierce Brosnan, Ewan McGregor, Olivia Williams, Kim Cattrall, Timothy Hutton
From Friday
AGREEING on a moment's notice to fix the memoirs of former Prime Minister Adam Lang (Brosnan), a ghost writer (McGregor) discovers his predecessor was murdered having unearthed one secret too many.

CEMETERY JUNCTION (15)
Felicity Jones, Ricky Gervais, Christian Cooke, Tom Hughes, Jack Doolan, Ralph Fiennes, Ricky Gervais, Matthew Goode
From Friday
READING, the 1970s. The lifestyle of three friends Freddie (Cooke), Bruce (Hughes) and Snork (Doolan) is put to the test when Freddie starts a new job selling door-to-door insurance under the watchful eye of creepy boss Mr Kendrick (Ralph Fiennes) and mentor Mike Ramsay (Goode). Then Freddie rediscovers childhood sweetheart, Julie (Jones) – Kendrick's daughter and Ramsay's fiancee.

DATE NIGHT (15)
Mark Wahlberg, James Franco, Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Kristen Wiig, Taraji P Henson, Ray Liotta, Mila Kunis
From Friday
AN overworked husband and wife (Carell and Fey) decide to go out on the town to reinvigorate their relationship. One mishap involving a restaurant table, however, and they soon find themselves on the run from a New York crime boss...

KICKS (15)
Kerrie Hayes, Nichola Burley, Jamie Doyle
From Friday

Pierce Brosnan plays the PM in 'The Ghost'

OPTIMISTIC Nicole (Hayes) and savvy wannabe WAG Jasmine (Burley) bond over clothes, vino and, most of all, football. But their adoration of local-boy-done-good Lee, a Liverpool player, takes their obsession too far.

WHIP IT (12A)
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Drew Barrymore, Kristen Wiig, Marcia Gay Harden, Ellen Page, Juliette Lewis
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DAILY LIFE

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AN Evening of Harold Pinter, Madcap Theatre, Wolverton. Until Saturday. The Dumb Waiter and other short sketches. 7.30 pm, Tickets £10 (£8 concessions).: 01908 320179 or www.madcap.org.uk/

SUNDAY
TIME To Breathe, Woughton Leisure Centre. Pink Floyd tribute in the theatre(1pm). Free. Families welcome.

THURSDAY
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RUTLAND'S finest R&B band invades Stony again. White Horse, Stony Stratford, Free. Starts 9pm.

NUTTY about Nature. Run by The Parks Trust this is a short course for adults. Introduction to reptile surveying. meet in the Stockgrove Country Park car park signposted dfrom the A5. 9.30an-3.30pm £10 per person.

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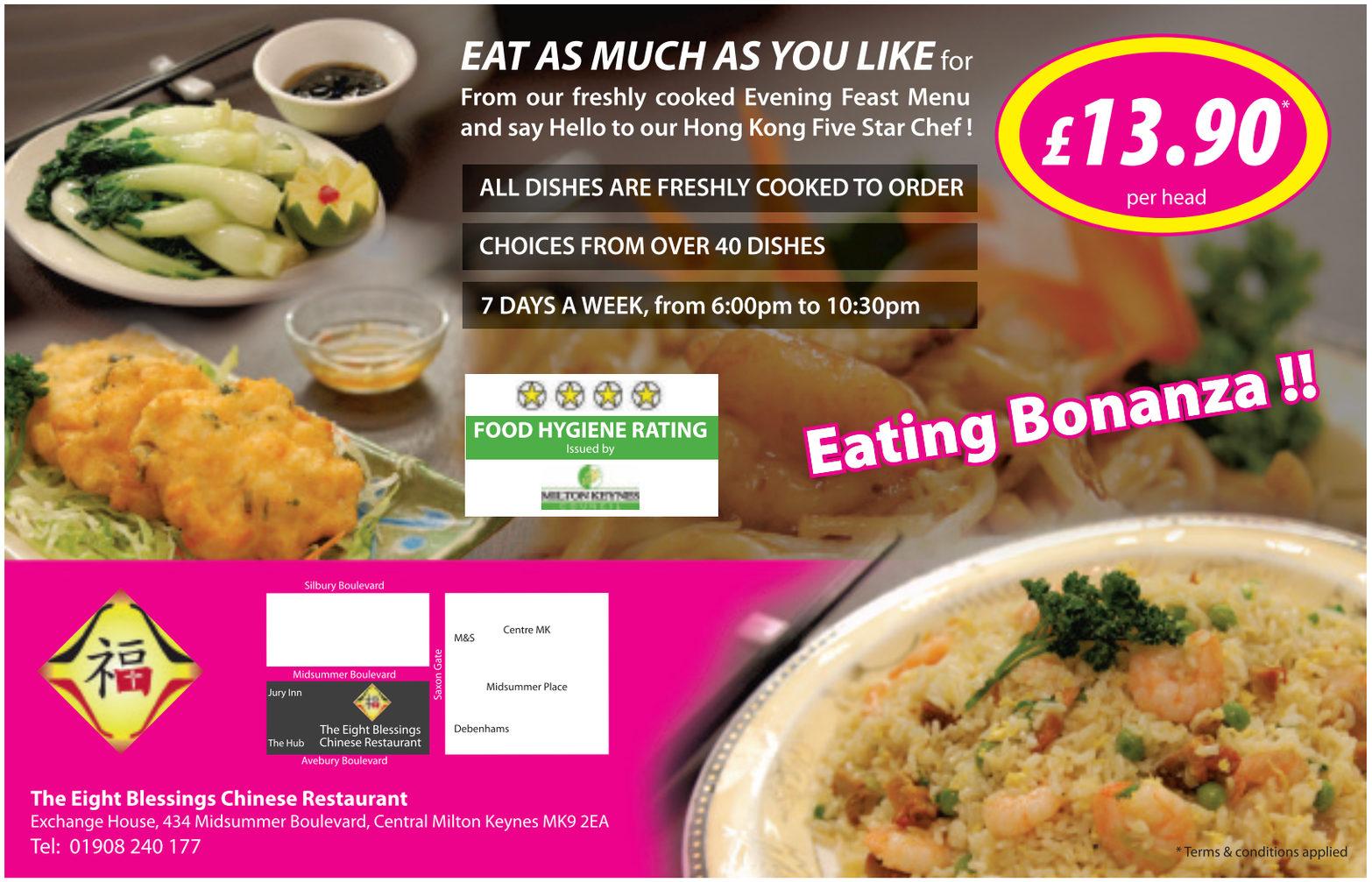
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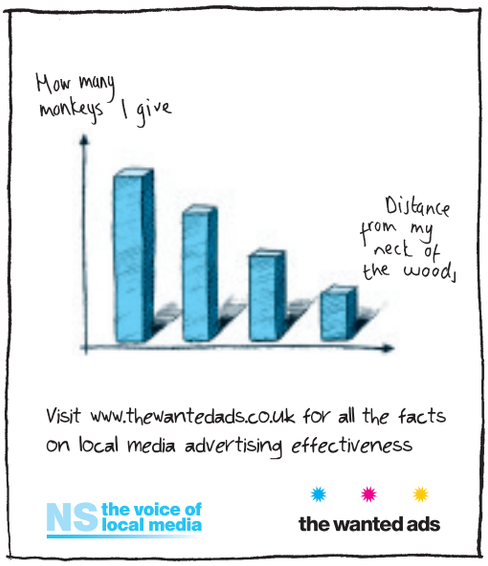

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Upstairs there are five double bedrooms, hobby room, en suite and family bathroom.

There is also a self contained detached annexe as part of this impressive property.

The gardens measure approximately 3/4 acre and back onto open country views.

Price £750,000

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Gayhurst £775,000

•This property is located in the grounds of Gayhurst House
•Accessed via a private sweeping driveway through the estates land
•Set in a private cul-de-sac setting this property
•Offers a wealth of living accomodation
•4 double bedrooms with en suite and family bathroom
•Generously proportioned private gardens to the rear

North Crawley £750,000

•This property is situated in the sought after village of North Crawley
•Enjoys large gardens and generous living accomodation
•3 Reception rooms
•Kitchen with large breakfast room
•5 double bedrooms •Hobby room •En suite and family bathroom
•Also a self contained detached annexe as part of this impressive property

Wolverton Mill £575,000

•A charming Georgian mill house in a conservation area
•Situated on the banks of the River Great Ouse
•A truly stunning private location
•4 Bedrooms
•2 Receptions
•Gardens

Tattenhoe £499,995

•Stunning 6 Bedrooms Detached
•3000 sqft of accommodation
•Three reception rooms
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room
•En Suite to Master bedroom
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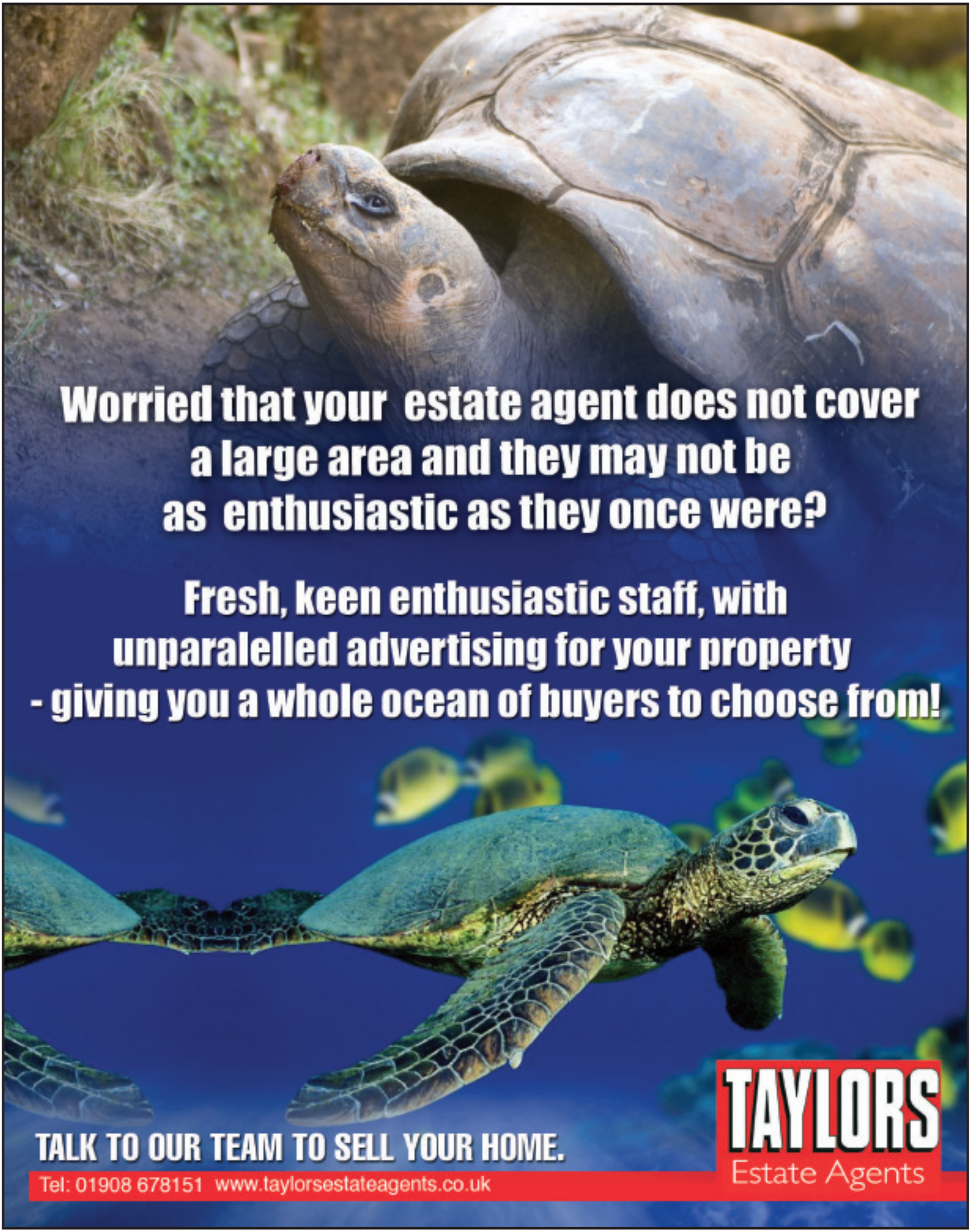
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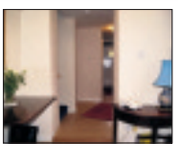
Sherington £795,000



•A delightful 300 year old barn conversion with 1/2 acre garden
•5 acres of paddock land and detached annexe
•Retains many of its original features and maintained to a very high standard
•3 reception rooms •Kitchen/breakfast room
•Downstairs bathroom, master bedroom with en suite and dressing room
•Bedroom 2 with en suite

Woburn Sands £625,000

•Stunning modern detached property
•Open planned living area
•Mezzanine landing area
•Four bedrooms
•Family bathroom and shower room
•Parking for 6 vehicles
•Beautiful views to front
•Approx 200ft rear garden

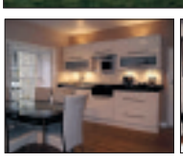
Medbourne £435,000

•A beautifully presented five bedroom executive property
•3 reception rooms •Large kitchen/breakfast room
•5 bedrooms with dressing room and en suite facilities
•Master and guest bedroom
•There is gated access to the private driveway
•Double garage and southerly facing rear garden.

Bradwell Common £350,000

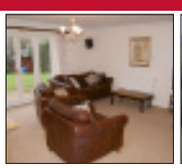
•An immaculately presented modern four bedroom detached house
•Very high specification throughout
•Granite surfaces to the kitchen
•Spanish ceramic porcelanosa tiled flooring in entrance hall, kitchen and bathrooms •Integral vacuum system
•Lounge and large dining room
•Large kitchen/breakfast/family room
•Luxurious en-suite and family bathroom
•Ample block paved parking, garage
•well presented rear garden.

Bradwell Village £750,000



•Early Victorian detached character home
•Offering a wealth of living accommodation and generous gardens.
•Lounge •Dining room •Study •Modern kitchen/breakfast •Cellar
•5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
•Many character features
•Gardens wrap around the rear of this home

Bletchley £449,500



•Spacious five bedroom detached executive residence
•Situated on a private plot
•Close proximity to Bletchley's mainline railway station.
•Three reception rooms
•Kitchen/family room
•Two en suites and family bathroom
•Generous gardens to front and rear
•Private access to the gravel driveway•

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• Double Glazing • Sun Lounge
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Bolbeck Park — OIEO £194,995

• Well Presented • 3 Bedroom Detached
• Cloakroom • Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner • Conservatory
• ORP & Single Garage
• Canal Walks

Milton Keynes Guide Price £135,000

• Two Bedroom
• Semi Detached
• Double Glazing
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Wavendon GateGuide Price £175,000

• Well Presented 3 Bedroom
• End of Terrace
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Allocated Parking

Wavendon Gate £192,500

• Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Conservatory
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking
• Garage

Milton Keynes Offers Over £120,000

• Three Bedroom Property
• Terraced
• Double Glazing
• Gas to Radator Heating
• Cloakroom
• Gardens
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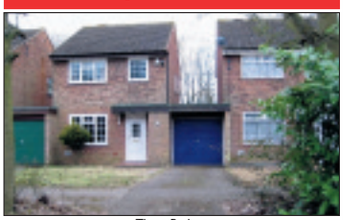
Milton Keynes £160,000



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- Garage
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- 3 Bedroom Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Milton Keynes OIEO £145,000

- Three Bedroom
- End Of Terrace
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Milton Keynes £279,950

- Well Presented & Extended
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Oakhill £234,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Private Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Westcroft OIEO £285,000

- Four Double Bedrooms
- Detached Townhouse
- Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Two Bathrooms
- Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage
- View to Avoid Disappointment!

Broughton £204,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Loft Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage with Bar Area

Stantonbury OIEO £135,000

- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached Home
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage
- Gardens

Broughton £99,950

- One Bedroom
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- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Driveway
- Garage
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- Viewing Recommended

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- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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- Victorian Style
- Three Bedroom
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- No Upper Chain
- Gardens
- Viewing Highly Recommended

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
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- Three Bedroom Property
- 32ft Open Plan Living Area
- Master Bedroom With Balcony And Ensuite
- Single Garage
- Internal Viewing Is Highly Recommended

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- Three Bedrooms
- Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

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- One bedroom
- End Of Terrace Property
- Refitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- No Upper Chain

Furzton £174,995

- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- 26ft Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Shenley Church End £284,995

- Well Presented
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- En-Suite/Shower Room
- Garage

Racecourses £179,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Detached house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

Waterside OIEO £229,995

- Extremely Well Presented
- Three Bedroom • Link Detached
- Gas Heating • Double Glazing
- Approx One Year Old
- NHBC Certification
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Oakhill £384,995

- Well Presented Five Bedrooms
- Detached Executive Property
- Dressing Room
- Jack and Jill ensuite
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Double Garage

Oxley Park Guide Price £155,000

- One/Two Bedrooms
- Town House
- One Reception Room
- Off Road Parking

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•Bathroom
•Front & Rear Garden

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•Three Bedrooms
•Lounge
•Dining Room
•Beakfast Room/Family Room
•Kitchen
•Bathroom
•Rear Garden

Two Mile Ash £69,000

• Investment Opportunity
• Studio Apartment
• Kitchen
• Shower and Dressing Area
• No Upper Chain
• Parking

Stony Stratford £164,995

•Well Presented
•Character Home
•Grade II Listed
•Gas Radiator Heating
•Re-Fitted Kitchen
•Re_Fitted Bathroom
•Courtyard
•Viewing Recommended

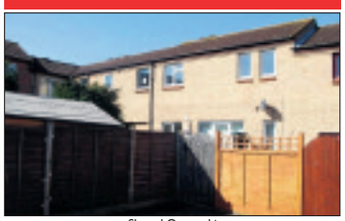
Greenleys O.I.E.O £110,000

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Terrace House
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Rear Garden

Bradville £129,995

•two/Three Bedroom Property
•End of Terrace
•Re-Fitted
•Lounge/Diner
•Conservatory
•Garage
•Front & Rear Gardens

Coming soon three bedroom Victorian in Stony Stratford

Two Mile Ash £109,000

•Shared Ownership
•Re-Fitted Kitchen
•Lounge/Diner
•Two Beddrooms
•Re-Fitted Bathroom
•Off Road Parking
•Garden

Hodge Lea Gude Price £135,000

• Very Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• End Of Terrace Home
• Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Garage In Block
• Viewing Recommended

New Bradwell O.I.E.O. £125,000

• Well Presented • Two Bedroom
• Ground Floor Flat
• Double Glazing • Electric Heating
• Allocated Parking
• Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford £335,000

• Four Bedroom • Detached Property
• Double Glazing
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Garage
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• Internal Viewing Recommended

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Wolvertn Mill £70,995

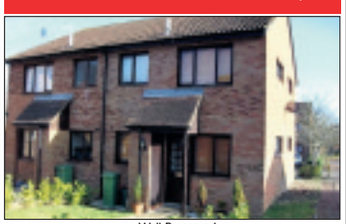
• Very Well Presented
• Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Communal Gardens
• Allocated Parking
•Shared Ownership

Hodge Lea £139,995

• Three Bedroom
• Mid Terraced Property
• Kitchen/Diner
• Cloakroom
• Double Glazing
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Gardens

Deanshanger £337,000

Five bedroom Detached Property
•Kitchen /Breakfast Room
•Dining Room
•Lounge
•En Suite
•Shower Room
•Double Garage

Two Mile Ash Guide Price £69,995

• Well Presented
• One Bedroom House
• 60% Shared Ownership
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Parking
• There Is A Premium Of £3,000

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- Detached property
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- Kitchen & utility
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- Garage and gardens

Olney £189,995

- Semi detached home
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- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge and kitchen/diner
- Gardens and off road parking

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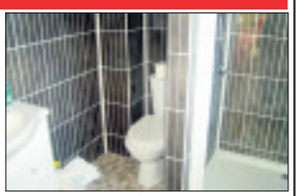

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached
- Refitted Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Study/Family Room
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Olney £439,950

- Extremely Well Presented
- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens & Double Garage

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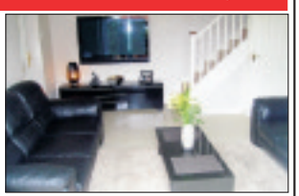
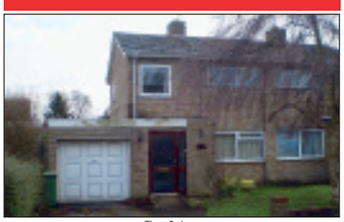


- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden

Lavendon £168,995



- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room

Family Bathroom
- Garage

Olney £119,995

- Two bedrooms
- Character property
- Located within walking distance from the Town centre
- Rear garden
- Brick built out building

Mill Street Newport Pagnell £164,995

- Victorian Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £169,995

- Three Bedrooms
- End of Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Romm/Utility
- Kitchen
- Bathronm
- Front & Rear Garden

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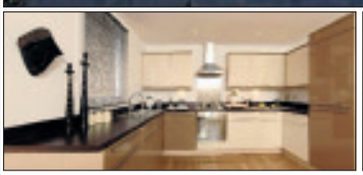

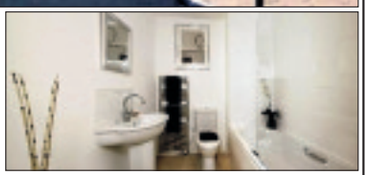

This contemporary ground floor 2 double bedroom apartment offers huge 825 sqft of space. (The size of many 3 bedroom houses) Boasting a fantastic kitchen/living area and 2 double bedrooms. There are patio doors from the master and dining area. Specification is excellent with gas to radiator heating, wardrobes to bedroom 1, shower over the bath in addition to the en-suite, and a range of integrated kitchen appliances. The development forms a central courtyard which is used as a resident's garden. Ideally located, your home could be a short walk from main-line trains.

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An unusual open plan downstairs layout onto the garden, with private separate lounge. the top floor makes an ideal master suite with dressing room and bathroom. Outside there is a double garage and parking for 4 cars. set in the popular East edge of Milton Keynes with excellent access to the M1.

NEW VILLAGE HOME WITH GARAGE £209,995

Rarely available 2 double bedroom cottage style home on a small development of similar homes. Ready now and including extras such as carpets and integrated kitchen appliances. A short walk takes you to the village shop. Within a short drive you have the option of Central Milton Keynes or Leighton Buzzard centres with rail services.

RARELY AVAILABLE 2 BED VILLAGE HOMES £182,000

Just four, well specified, two double bedroom houses with gardens onto open land. Designed with a spacious lounge onto the garden and separate kitchen to the front. An above average specification is included with such items as integrated oven, hob, hood, fridge/freezer, dishwasher and washing machine. Hockcliffe is ideally placed with great A5 access. Half way between Milton Keynes, Dunstable, Woburn and Leighton Buzzard. The location of the houses is tucked away in the rural setting onto open land.

SMALL PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT £215,000

A spacious 4 bed mid terraced home with ample parking for 2 or more cars on a development of 18 privately owned homes in the heart of Leighton Buzzard, within walking distance of the town centre. Three of the bedrooms are doubles and the master has an en-suite. Ready now, key in office.

READY TO MOVE INTO NOW! £330,000

This very versatile home has a fantastic single storey extension to give an open plan kitchen/breakfast onto the garden. There is then 3 further receptions. Of the 5 bedrooms, 2 have en-suites and boast feature box windows. The outside has a garage with double parking spaces and a westerly facing garden. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, with excellent M1 access.
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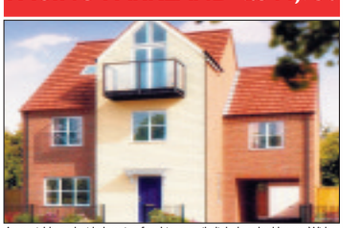

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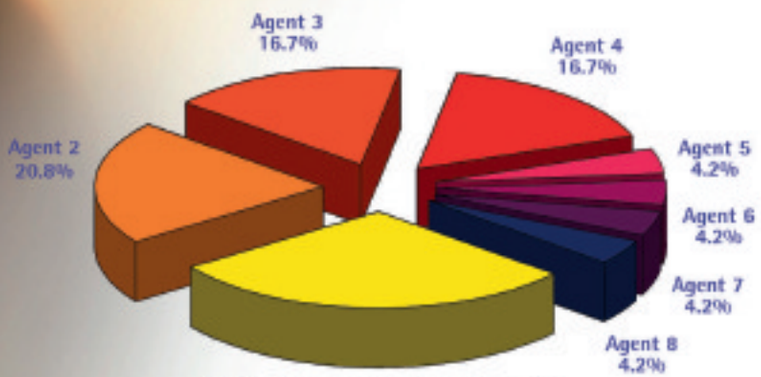

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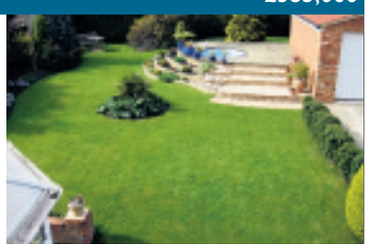

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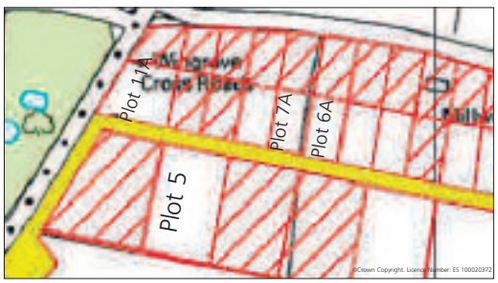

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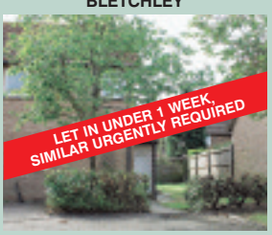

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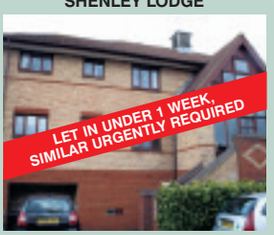

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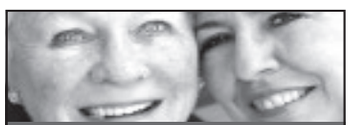

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NEWPORT PAGNELL CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW (DRAFT)
(NOVEMBER 2009).
The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Sections 69 and 70

Milton Keynes Council has published its Newport Pagnell Conservation area review (draft) document for an six week period of public consultation from **Monday 12 April 2010 to Monday 24th May 2010.**

The Newport Pagnell conservation area review is an important document which sets out the special character or appearance of the conservation area and the ways in which the council will seek to ensure the area's special characteristics will be preserved or enhanced.

You will be able to view the Newport Pagnell Conservation Area Review (draft) document and make and view comments online, using our new consultation system, Limehouse at:

http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk/milton-keynes

Alternatively you can fill in a Comments Form. This will ensure that the Council has all the information needed to process any representation you wish to make. Copies of the Comments Form are available from Newport Pagnell Library and Central Library or by contacting the Conservation and Archaeology Team. The opening times of these libraries can be found on the council's web site at

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Receipt of all comments will be acknowledged.

All comments on the Newport Pagnell Conservation Area Review (draft) must be received by the Conservation and Archaeology Team **no later than 5.30pm on Monday 24th May 2010**

Reference copies of the Newport Pagnell Conservation Area Review (Draft) document are also available to view at the Council's Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HQ **during normal office hours (9.00 am to 5.15 pm, Monday to Friday).**

Following consideration of any duly made comments received on the Newport Pagnell Conservation Area Review (Draft) document the Council will prepare a final version of this document.

If you need further information or assistance please contact the Council's Conservation and Archaeology Team on 01908-252599 or by email at: conservation@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Local Government Standards in England

Notice of Decision: LGS/2010/0484
Hearing date: 30 March 2010
Respondent: Isabella Forsyth-Fraser of Campbell Park Parish Council
Applicant: Jonathan Wigmore, ESO
Tribunal Members: Nicholas Holden, Neil Pardoe, Narendra Makanji

1. The Tribunal has considered an application from an ESO following an investigation of a complaint that the Respondent had failed to follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct of Campbell Park Parish Council.
2. The Tribunal reached the following decision after considering the written and oral evidence and submissions of the parties. The Respondent did fail to comply with the Code of Conduct.
3. The Tribunal decided to impose a three month period of suspension from the Campbell Park Parish Council under Regulation 3(d) Case Tribunal Regulations. The period of suspension to commence on 30/3/2010.
4. The full determination will be published on the Local Government Standards website at www.adjudicationpanel.tribunals.gov.uk.

Nicholas Holden Judge 30 March 2010

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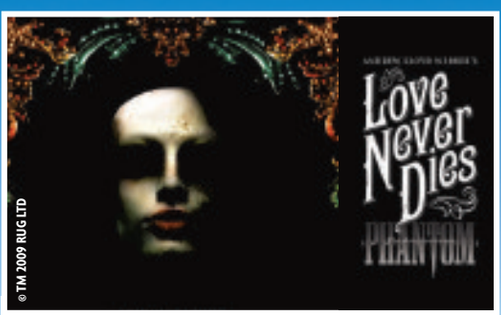

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11 Swindon (CC)	(H)	1-4
15 Swindon	(A)	0-0
18 Tranmere	(A)	1-0
22 Colchester	(H)	2-1
29 Exeter	(A)	2-1

September
02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT)	(H)	3-1
05 Huddersfield	(H)	2-3
14 Norwich	(H)	2-1
19 Wycombe	(A)	1-0
26 Leeds	(H)	0-1
29 Oldham	(A)	1-2

October
03 Brighton	(A)	1-0
06 Southend (JPT)	(H)	2-0
10 Walsall	(H)	1-0
17 Gillingham	(H)	2-0
24 Southampton	(A)	1-3
31 Bristol Rovers	(H)	2-1

November
07 Macclesfield (FA Cup)	(H)	1-0
10 Northampton (JPT)	(H)	3-1
14 Charlton	(A)	1-5
20 Southend	(A)	1-2
24 Carlisle	(H)	3-4
28 Exeter (FA Cup)	(H)	4-3

December
01 Millwall	(A)	2-3
05 Yeovil	(H)	2-2
12 Leyton Orient	(A)	2-1
15 Hereford (JPT)	(A)	4-1
19 Brentford	(H)	0-1
26 Stockport	(H)	4-1
28 Huddersfield	(A)	0-1

January
02 Burnley (FA Cup)	(H)	1-2
16 Hartlepool	(A)	5-0
20 Soton (JPT)	(H)	0-1
23 Tranmere	(H)	1-0
26 Colchester	(A)	0-2
30 Exeter	(H)	1-1

February
06 Stockport	(A)	3-1
09 Soton (JPT)	(A)	1-3
13 Carlisle	(A)	0-5
20 Southend	(H)	3-1
23 Millwall	(H)	1-3
27 Yeovil	(A)	0-1

March
06 Leyton Orient	(H)	1-0
09 Swindon T	(H)	2-1
13 Brentford	(A)	3-3
20 Southampton	(H)	0-3
27 Gillingham	(A)	2-2

April
03 Charlton	(H)	0-1
05 Bristol Rovers	(A)	0-1
10 Norwich	(A)	1-1
13 Oldham	(H)	0-0
17 Wycombe	(H)	
24 Leeds	(A)	

May
01 Brighton	(H)	
08 Walsall	(A)	

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VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Tunnicliffe back in Brighton

JAMES Tunnicliffe has returned to Brighton and Hove Albion after his loan spell with MK Dons ran out.

The centre back joined the Dons in February for an initial one-month loan, but after impressing during that stint his stay was extended further.

During his time with the Dons the 21-year-old made nine appearances, and scored what proved to be the winning goal in the 2-1 win over Swindon Town last month.

Ince charged again

PAUL Ince has been hit with his third charge of the season from the Football Association.

The MK Dons manager has been charged with two breaches of FA Rule E3 - use of abusive and/or insulting words; use of abusive and/or insulting words following removal from the technical area.

The charge relates to an incident during MK Dons' League One fixture at Gillingham on March, 27, when Ince was sent to the stands by referee Dean Whitestone in the second half. Ince denied the first breach, admitted the second breach and requested a non-personal hearing.

Under-18s adrift

MK Dons Under-18s suffered a 2-0 defeat at home to Birmingham City– the 17th of the season.

The Dons are 12 points adrift at the bottom of the table, with the five teams above them all holding a game in hand.

Mike Dove's play host to West Ham United on Saturday, before Portsmouth come to Milton Keynes on Saturday, April 24.

COMING UP

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League One

Saturday, April 17

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THIS could be the last Bucks derby for at least a year. The Dons are destined to stay in League One while Wycombe are hanging on to their place by the skin of their teeth.

The Chairboys were boosted by a 2-0 win over Hartlepool at the weekend.

However, with automatic-promotion chasing Swindon and fellow relegation battlers Leyton Orient still to play Wycombe's hopes of escaping the bottom four are almost doomed.

Dons will be without Peter Leven who is serving the last of his two match ban but Aaron Wilbraham is back from suspension.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Norwich	42	16	3	2	46	20	10	5	6	37	25	38	86
2	Leeds United	42	12	6	3	35	17	11	5	5	34	21	31	80
3	Millwall	42	15	5	1	43	12	7	8	6	28	26	33	79
4	Charlton	42	13	6	2	40	21	8	8	5	27	25	21	77
5	Swindon	42	12	7	2	38	22	9	7	5	27	27	16	77
6	Huddersfield	42	12	8	1	49	21	8	3	10	23	32	19	71
7	Colchester	42	14	4	3	35	20	5	7	9	25	26	14	68
8	Southampton	41	13	4	3	42	18	7	9	5	35	24	35	63
9	Bristol Rovers	42	13	2	6	32	27	6	2	13	25	36	-6	61
10	MK Dons	42	10	4	7	29	25	7	4	10	27	34	-3	59
11	Brentford	41	8	10	2	31	19	5	7	9	19	28	3	56
12	Carlisle	42	10	3	8	32	25	4	9	8	25	35	-3	54
13	Walsall	42	8	8	5	31	24	6	4	11	22	35	-6	54
14	Yeovil	42	8	7	6	33	25	4	6	11	18	31	-5	49
15	Brighton	42	5	4	12	23	29	7	9	5	29	30	-7	49
16	Hartlepool	42	9	5	7	29	24	4	4	13	25	38	-8	48
17	Oldham	41	7	6	8	21	24	5	5	10	14	25	-14	47
18	Exeter	42	8	9	4	27	18	2	7	12	16	36	-11	46
19	Leyton Orient	42	8	6	7	31	25	3	6	12	17	35	-12	45
20	Gillingham	42	10	8	3	30	12	0	6	15	13	44	-13	44
21	Tranmere	41	9	3	9	25	31	2	5	13	10	37	-33	41
22	Southend	42	6	10	5	27	25	3	2	16	19	40	-19	39
23	Wycombe	42	5	6	10	21	29	3	8	10	27	41	-22	38
24	Stockport	42	2	6	13	21	42	3	4	14	13	40	-48	25

Shot-shy strikers fail to spark

From back page

with a flat atmosphere, meant there were few sparks in the early exchange.

Dons' diamond formation created some neat passing, and good movement through midfield but the ten men Latics kept behind the ball kept opportunities at a bare minimum.

In fact it was the visitors who rifled the first moment of interest on the quarter-of-an-hour mark when they broke on the counterattack and Lewis Guy got the better of Mathias Doumbe to whip in a delicious cross but Pawel Abbott's powerful connection saw him head over from 10-yards.

Ince's men continued to have the better possession, yet with a Oldham wall ahead of them a frustrated Easter struck a weak shot well wide.

The Dons were caught short at the back when Dean Furman spread the ball across midfield to an waiting Joe Colbeck but the winger shot directly into the arms of Willy Gueret.

When a Dons attack began to move backwards, due to a barrage of bodies in the way, disgruntled fans in the Cowshed voiced their displeasure. They were less happy moments later when Danny Whitaker blasted a shot from 35-yards into their stand.

The opening five minutes of the second half had more action than the entire first 45.

First a Whitaker cross, whipped in from the right, found an unmarked Abbott but the striker's outstretched foot couldn't stab it on target.

Then Easter picked up the ball on the left, burst down the flank before rattling his drive against the upright.

Seconds later Rae encouraged more noise from the stands when his stinging right-footed shot forced a save from the Latics' goalie.

There was good news for the Dons as Baldock made it through over an hour unscathed before he was taken off in place of Luke Howell - leaving Chadwick as the main support behind Easter.

In the 80th minute the Dons were able to trouble Flahavan again, yet with little reward. Darren Powell flicked on Rae's long free-kick but as Easter tried to dig the ball out of the ground Flahavan crashed at his feet to deny the Dons.

Defender Reuben Hazell had two chances late on with a shot from Dale Stephens corner rising over, and a low drive from another Stephen set-piece finding its way through the Dons box into Gueret's arms.

The final whistle eventually game in a typical end of season display.

MK DONS: Gueret; Woodards, Doumbe, OHanlon (Powell 66), Lewington (c); Randall, Carrington, Rae (Chicksen 84), Chadwick; Easter, Baldock (Howell 63).
OLDHAM ATHLETIC: Flahavan; Marrow, Gregan (c), Hazell, Lee; Whitaker, Furman, Stephens, Colbeck (Smalley 35); Abbott (Eaves 87), Guy (Brooke 90).
Referee: Craig Pawson (Sheffield)
Attendance: 8, 528 (196 away)

Canaries caged by defiant Dons

NORWICH CITY 1 C Martin 90

MK DONS 1 Wilbraham 20

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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CHRIS Martin struck in the 90th minute to deny MK Dons a famous victory over Norwich City at Carrow Road.

The Dons came within a minute, and added time, of becoming the only League One side to do the double over the potential champions until Martin curled in a terrific free-kick, after Aaron Wilbraham was sent-off for his second caution.

The draw left the Dons with four points from the Canaries this season, a total which only one other team, Southampton, has managed against Paul Lambert's high flying team.

Last week Paul Ince wrote off the Dons' chances of reaching the play-offs, but had they performed like they did at Carrow Road throughout the season they would certainly have still been in the mix.

Dons stifled Norwich, frustrated their fans and even had a slice of luck on the day - thanks to referee Kevin Friend, who only made enemies with the home supporters.

Ince was delighted with his team's performance, he said: "We started a bit tentatively, which can happen when you come to a place like this - we cleared one off the line and Willy made a good save - but once we got into it we played some lovely football. It was a deserved point."

Wilbraham's 20th minute goal, turning in Peter Leven's corner at the far post, came against the run of play as Mark Carrington had cleared Gary Doherty's header off the line and Grant Holt forced saves from Willy Gueret.

Striker Holt did have the ball on the net before the break, but Mr Friend booked him and ruled out the goal for a deliberate handball.

It was well spotted by the official, however, Norwich were fuming when he failed to notice the arm of 6ft 3ins Wilbraham block a ball from Doherty inside the box.

Ince admitted: "It was a definite penalty, I'm not someone to sit here and say I didn't see it - it was a blatant penalty and he's lucky to get away with it."

Jermaine Easter evades a tackle fromDarel Russell aginst Norwich on Saturday

But Wilbraham was once again the centre of attention just moments from time when his trip on Oli Johnson saw him dismissed and Martin step up for a point-winning free-kick.

NORWICH CITY: Rudd, Drury, Nelson, Holt (c), Doherty, Martin, Lappin, Russell, McNamee (Johnson 67), Smith (Elliott 81).
Booked: C.Martin, Holt
MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington, O'Hanlon, Easter, Wilbraham, Carrington, Woodards, Leven (Howell 76), Powell, Chadwick (Davis 85), Randall. Booked: Randall, Leven, Wilbraham, Chadwick, Powell, Davis, Carrington. Sent-off: Wilbraham 90
Referee: Kevin Friend (Leicestershire)
Attendance: 24,888 (1,078 away)

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Luke Chadwick gets away from Dean Furman as Mark Randall looks on

Alex Rae goes in to challenge Danny Whitaker

Vettel back in happy hunting ground

MOTOR RACING

AFTER winning in Sepang, Red Bull Racing returns to China and the scene of their first ever victory.

It has been a happy hunting ground for racer Sebastian Vettel, when driving for Toro Rosso in 2007 he risked a one-stop strategy and drove masterfully in the rain to climb from 17th on the grid to fourth by the final flag.

An amazing result for the then 20-year-old, and last season with heavy rain falling on the grid the first eight laps of the race were run under the safety car.

Pole winner Vettel had his lead when the safety car exited and with second-on-the-grid Fernando Alonso removed from contention when he pitted under the safety car for fuel, Mark Webber moved into second. The Red Bull Racing pair dominated from that point on and while drivers chopped and changed position behind, Vettel and Webber imperiously raced to the flag to score Red Bull Racing's first win and first one-two.

And the Red Bull duo are once again expected to be challenging for the top spots on the grid after another brilliant one-two at Sepang.

The RB6's pace finally came in to its own in Malaysia as the Milton Keynes-based team put their reliability issues to one side to win their first race of the season.

The result immediately bumped Vettel, tipped by many for this season's title, into third place in the driver's standing, behind Ferrari duo Felipe Massa and Fernando Alonso, in first and second respectively.

Formula One's Chinese Grand Prix is on Sunday at 8am.

'Not pleased' Poulter's weekend to forget

GOLF

IAN Poulter confessed to being 'not overly happy' at the end of The Masters in Augusta.

The Woburn golf professional could not hide his frustration as he headed back to the club-house tied in tenth with Nicky Barnes.

Poulter may have settled for tenth before the tournament, however, after leading the field after two rounds the 34-year-old knew a great opportunity had slipped through his fingers.

An impressive start saw both Poulter and compatriot Lee Westwood tipped as contenders for the title.

And after a terrific second round, picking up birdies on the second and eighth, two par fives on the outward half, and pars on the other seven, he stood six under par.

It meant Poulter, World Match Play champion, entered the third round joint-leader with Westwood on eight-under par.

However, Poulter then had a weekend to forget as he carded a two-over round of 74 which saw him slip down the field, and then a final round of 73 on Sunday.

Speaking afterwards Poulter said: "I'm not pleased.

"I put myself in poor positions off the tee and I'm a few shots adrift of where I wanted to be.

"I'm not overly happy. This course gives up eagles quite easily."

Poulter ended tied tenth on five-under par, 11 shots off Phil Mickelson's winning score of 16-under.

BASKETBALL

Thunder blunder leaves Lions limping to play-offs

WORTHING THUNDER 95

Zabas 23, Bratton 22, Cricelli 17

MK LIONS 88

Williams 20, Harrison 18, Naughton 17

MK Lions have two games to strengthen their position in the British Basketball League play-offs.

The Lions could have moved closer to sixth placed Everton Tigers, but defeat to Worthing Thunder means that seventh is the best spot then can grab.

Defeat at the weekend moved the Thunder to just two points behind the Lions in the table.

Evaldas Zabas led all scorers with 23 points, including some crucial scores in the Thunder's last-gasp fight back. The Thunder trailed 83-88 heading into the last two minutes, but Zabas scored four in a 6-0 run for the Thunder to make it 89-88 with 34 seconds left.

He scored twice more from the free-throw line with 12 seconds remaining to settle the game, as Harrison turned the ball over with 5 seconds left to end the Lions' hopes.

Previously, the pendulum was swinging in this game as both teams had periods in charge.

It was a 9-4 start to the game for the Lions as they didn't miss a shot in the first three minutes with Yorick Williams hitting a three-pointer and Justen Naughton scoring twice.

But Thunder came back once more with 10 straight points, including two three-pointers for Zabas to take the lead.

Thunder continued to connect from long-range as they pushed ahead in the second stanza but it was Lions who took the lead back, at 44-49, within the final minute of the first half as Williams scored back-to-back baskets.

Scores from Yorick Williams kept the advantage with Lions, at 68-73, heading into the final quarter.

Once in the fourth, Prezzie-Blue's three-pointer sparked a 7-2 burst that tied the game once more at 75. But Frank Holmes kept the scoreboard ticking over for the Lions, as he scored their first 6 points of the quarter to keep them in front.

However, Prezzie-Blue was there again with a three-pointer to tie the game back up at 81 with five minutes remaining.

It was a triple from Dru Spinks and a Naughton basket that put the Lions up 83-88 before Thunder's 12-0 snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

Advantage: Yorick Williams

MKSPORTSSHORTS

Olney best Bletchley

OLNEY took the honours 11-6 in the local derby and moved within a point of eighth placed Bletchley in South West 1 East.

With only one game remaining in the South West 1 East division Olney will be aiming to leapfrog their rivals.

It was the home side who took the lead by three points with a penalty from George Harman, but Olney's outside centre James Hawken successfully converted his own penalty to level the scores.

However, Bletchley immediately struck back through flanker Miller's unconverted try to give them an 8-3 lead.

Olney continued to pressurise and were rewarded with a penalty from Hawken.

With Bletchley kicking a high ball deep into the twenty two, Olney's winger Chris Small picked up the loose ball and made his way up field passing four Bletchley players before crossing the line.

The conversion from Hawken, and penalty soon after gave Olney a 8-16 advantage.

Bletchley's Harman brought the score closer with another penalty and when Olney's Mark Lay was sent to the sin bin the home side may have sensed victory but time ran out.

Cracknell backs fitness plan

DOUBLE Olympic gold medallist James Cracknell has urged people in Milton Keynes to take to the streets to get fit.

Cracknell, a former British rowing champion, is supporting Reactivate Bucks in its aim to help local people get one step closer to achieving their personal fitness and exercise goals.

Reactivate Bucks Take to the Streets activities are for both men and women and take place across the county at a variety of times and venues to fit in with busy lifestyles.

In Milton Keynes there is a range of Reactivate Bucks Return to Sport courses taking place throughout April including korfball, jogging and tennis as well as organised park runs and walks.

Full details on these and other ways to get fit, feel healthier and have fun are all available on: www.reactivatebucks.org

Do things by half

IF next weekend's London Marathon was too much to contend with runners can now sign up to the Milton Keynes Half Marathon.

Over 1,600 runners entered last year's NSPCC Half Marathon which was a new record, and since its inception in 1999 over £310,000 has been raised for local NSPCC Child Protection Services.

MK NEWS is once again the media partner for the event which is on Sunday, July 18.

The race starts at Bury Lawn School in Stantonbury, and takes place along the redway paths and the Grand Union Canal.

For more information call 01998 328060, email mkhalfmara@ncpcc.org.uk or log-on to www.mkhalfmarathon.org.uk

Cricket friendly

BLETCHLEY Town's cricket season starts on Saturday with a friendly against Banbury XX.

The team were promoted back to the Cherwell League first division last season, at the first time of asking.

Their league campaign does not kick-off until May, 8 but the practice games will be chance for captain James Clarke to see his players in action.

Stony Stratford return to the field in the Northants County Premier Division next Saturday against NCCC Academy, and the Morrants Four Counties League also gets under way on April, 24.

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World Cup comes to stadiummk

WORLD Cup fever is set to sweep through Milton Keynes when finalists Ghana take on Latvia at stadiummk.

As part of their preparations for the 2010 FIFA World Cup the Ghanaian national team will play their final warm up match in MK on Saturday June, 5 – eight days before their Group D opener against Serbia on June 13.

The friendly will demonstrate how well Milton Keynes and stadiummk, a host city for the 2018 World Cup if England are awarded the rights to the tournament by FIFA, cope with full international games.

Last year the home of MK Dons played host to an England Under-21 friendly, and their European Championship qualifier against Bulgaria in 2007.

The England Under-19s played a friendly against Russia in MK, but the match between Ghana and Latvia will be the first full international held at the venue.

Ghana will be based in Paris between 24-29 May, and play World Cup finalists Holland in Amsterdam on June, 1.

Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien, who has been out of action with a knee injury that he sustained at the Africa Cup of Nations, is expected to be one of the Black Stars' key players at the tournament.

The Black Stars also have Fulham's John Pantsil, Sunderland's John Mensah and Portsmouth's Kevin-Prince Boateng available for selection.

MK Dons Chairman Pete Winkelman said: "The eyes of the world will be fixed on the nations competing in this summer's World Cup in South Africa and we're immensely proud that Milton Keynes will play its part in the preparations of one of those finalists. It'll be a multi-national festival of football in the New City on June 5 as we play host to some of the world's finest players, and a chance for Milton Keynes to showcase itself as part of England's invitation to the world for 2018."

Lacklustre Dons in scrappy bore draw

MK DONS 0 OLDHAM 0

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MK Dons' winless run extended to seven as they were held by Oldham Athletic in a stalemate at stadiummk last night.

The dour match was the Dons' first goalless contest since their draw at Swindon Town on August, 15.

Arguably, the first half was one of the worst 45 minutes to be seen at stadiummk, and although, in short bursts, the second half improved a goal never truly seemed likely.

Only a handful of opportunities were created with Easter going closest for the Dons with a shot against the post and bundled effort blocked by Daryl Flahavan.

Dons' League One ambitions to finish in the best possible position, albeit out side the play-offs, and Oldham's need to push clear of the tight relegation battle were not enough to inspire a dull affair.

More suspension to a team already riddle with unavailable and injured players, meant Paul Ince was without Peter Leven and Aaron Wilbraham.

So he brought 40-year-old first team coach Alex Rae into the side and Sam Baldock returned from a nine-week spell on the side lines to partner Jermaine Easter up front.

There was a lack of pace, added

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Dean Lewington heads over an Alex Rae free kick in the Dons only meaningful goal attempt of the first half

MK DONS

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